

# Proposed Local Law Number 16 Of 2020

## County Of Ulster

### **A Local Law Amending The Ulster County Charter And Ulster County Administrative Code By Deleting Article XXXIX From Each (Department Of Tourism), And Amending The Ulster County Charter And Ulster County Administrative Code With Respect To Article XVII (Department Of Economic Development)**

**BE IT ENACTED**, by the Legislature of the County of Ulster, as follows:

#### **SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE INTENT AND PURPOSE.**

The Department of Economic Development was created pursuant to Local Law Number 3 of 2018, adopted by the Ulster County Legislature on September 17, 2019. It was subsequently signed into law by Executive Pat Ryan on October 17, 2019. The Department of Economic Development was created to facilitate economic growth, attract business, and increase investment and development in and for the County. It is widely established that tourism is a major component of economic growth and prosperity for Ulster County.

The Ulster County Legislature recognizes the importance of tourism to the economic growth and prosperity of Ulster County. Because of said recognition, the Ulster County Legislature is committed to strengthening the Department of Economic Development through consolidation. A Division of Tourism will be most effective as a part of the Department of Economic Development - fostering communication and collaboration, with implementation and promotion of shared goals.

The Ulster County Legislature finds and determines that in order to assure the provision of services to the residents of Ulster County in the most efficient and cost effective way possible and in accordance with Municipal Home Rule Law Section 10(1)(ii)(a)(1), the Legislature hereby deletes Article XXXIX from the Ulster County Charter as well as Article XXXIX of the Administrative Code of Ulster County and transfers all powers and duties inherent to the Department of Tourism to the Department of Economic Development.

**SECTION 2.** Section C-75 of the Ulster County Charter is hereby amended by adding the additional language to read as follows:

A. There shall be a Department of Economic Development under the direction of the Director of Economic Development, who shall be appointed by the County Executive, subject to confirmation by the County Legislature, and serve at the pleasure of the County Executive. The Director of Economic Development shall be appointed on the basis of his or her professional training and experience and other qualifications for the responsibilities of that office.

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B. Powers and duties. The Director of Economic Development shall be the chief administrative officer of the Department. Except as may otherwise be provided in this Charter, he or she shall have all the powers and perform all the duties now or hereafter conferred or imposed by law upon him or her and shall perform such other related duties as directed by the County Executive or as appropriated by the County Legislature.

C. There shall be within the Department of Economic Development, a Division of Tourism which shall have a separate budget inclusive of all revenues and expenditures related to the Division, and shall be led by the Deputy Director of Economic Development/Director of Tourism, who shall report to the Director of Economic Development.

D. The Division of Tourism shall:

- (1) Promote all of Ulster County's tourism sites, attractions and events in an effort to strengthen the economy of Ulster County;
- (2) Leverage New York State's investment in tourism locally through the I LOVE NY program, along with any other partnership opportunities;
- (3) Support the success of Ulster County's tourism businesses and organizations by helping them to access needed financing, technical, economic and workforce development assistance and programs.
- (4) Have all the powers and perform all the duties now and hereafter conferred or imposed upon it by law and perform other and related duties required by the County Executive and County Legislature;
- (5) On or before March 1st of each year, make and deliver an annual report to the County Executive and County Legislature for the immediately preceding calendar year, setting forth the work performed by the division. The Deputy Director of Economic Development/Director of Tourism shall make such other reports at such times as may be required by the County Executive, County Legislature or pursuant to applicable law. Copies of all reports shall be filed

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contemporaneously with the County Executive and the Clerk of the County Legislature.

**SECTION 3.** Section A-17-1 of the Ulster County Administrative Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Article XVII Department of Economic Development

§ A-17-1 Director of Economic Development.

*A. There shall be a Department of Economic Development under the direction of the Director of Economic Development, who shall be appointed by the County Executive, subject to confirmation by the County Legislature, and serve at the pleasure of the County Executive. The Director of Economic Development shall be appointed on the basis of his or her professional training and experience and other qualifications for the responsibilities of that office.*

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*(2) Leverage New York State's investment in tourism locally through the I LOVE NY program, along with any other partnership opportunities;*

*(3) Support the success of Ulster County's tourism businesses and organizations by helping them to access needed financing, technical, economic and workforce development assistance and programs.*

*(4) Have all the powers and perform all the duties now and hereafter conferred or imposed upon it by law and perform other and related duties required by the County Executive and County Legislature;*

*(5) On or before March 1st of each year, make and deliver an annual report to the County Executive and County Legislature for the immediately preceding calendar year, setting forth the work performed by the division. The Deputy Director of Economic Development/Director of Tourism shall make such other reports at such times as may be required by the County Executive, County Legislature or pursuant to applicable law. Copies of all reports shall be filed contemporaneously with the County Executive and the Clerk of the County Legislature.*

€ **E.** Reports. On or before March 1 of each year, the Director of Economic Development shall make **and deliver** an annual report to the County Legislature and County Executive for the immediately preceding calendar year, ~~covering generally the work of the department~~ **setting forth the work performed by the department**. The Director of Economic Development shall make such other reports at such times as may be required by the County Legislature, County Executive or any applicable law. Copies of all reports shall be filed **contemporaneously** with the Clerk of the County Legislature and the County Executive.

**SECTION 3.** Article XXXIX of the Ulster County Charter is hereby deleted in its entirety.

**SECTION 4.** Article XXXIX of the Administrative Code of Ulster County is hereby deleted in its entirety.

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**SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY.**

In the event that any portion of this local law is found to be invalid, such finding will not have any effect on either the remaining portions or applications of this local law or any provisions of the Ulster County Charter, which shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the New York State Secretary of State.