

Directing That The Cost Of All Of The Assistance And Care For Which Towns And Cities Are Responsible Shall Be A Charge On The County Social Services District And Administered Under The Direction Of The County Commissioner Of Social Services, Pursuant Social Services Law

Legislators Donaldson and Loughran offer the following:

WHEREAS, the County of Ulster is responsible for the administration and cost of all public assistance and care in the County, with the exception of Safety Net for local charges residing in the towns and cities, except in the City of Kingston, and

WHEREAS, Section 72 of Social Services Law provided that a County Legislature may, by resolution adopted by a majority vote, direct that cost of all or any part of the assistance and care for which the towns and cities are made responsible under the provisions of Subdivisions 1 and 2 of Section 69 of Social Services Law (Safety Net) shall be a charge on the County Social Services district and administered under the direction of the County Commissioner of Social Services, and

WHEREAS, it is deemed advisable for the County Social Services District to take over the administration of all public assistance and care, for which the towns and cities are now responsible, and that the same shall be a charge on the County Social Services District.

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature does hereby direct that the County Commissioner of Social Services assume responsibility for the administration of all assistance and care for which the cities and towns are now responsible and that the same be a charge on the County Social Services District, in accordance with the following five (5) year phase-in plan:

1. This Legislature hereby directs and implements the five (5) year phase-in plan as follows:
 - (a) commencing January 1, 2011, 20% of the cost and assistance and care for which the Towns and City of Kingston are made responsible under the provisions of Subdivisions 1 and 2 of Section 69 of Social Services Law, shall be a charge on the County Social Services District, and administered under the direction of the Ulster County Commissioner of Social Services; and

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- (b) commencing January 1, 2012, 40% of the cost and assistance and care for which the Towns and City of Kingston are made responsible under the provisions of Subdivisions 1 and 2 of Section 69 of Social Services Law, shall be a charge on the County Social Services District, and administered under the direction of the Ulster County Commissioner of Social Services; and
 - (c) commencing January 1, 2013, 60% of the cost and assistance and care for which the Towns and City of Kingston are made responsible under the provisions of Subdivisions 1 and 2 of Section 69 of Social Services Law, shall be a charge on the County Social Services District, and administered under the direction of the Ulster County Commissioner of Social Services; and
 - (d) commencing January 1, 2014, 80% of the cost and assistance and care for which the Towns and City of Kingston are made responsible under the provisions of Subdivisions 1 and 2 of Section 69 of Social Services Law, shall be a charge on the County Social Services District, and administered under the direction of the Ulster County Commissioner of Social Services; and
 - (e) commencing January 1, 2015, 100% of the cost and assistance and care for which the Towns and City of Kingston are made responsible under the provisions of Subdivisions 1 and 2 of Section 69 of Social Services Law, shall be a charge on the County Social Services District, and administered under the direction of the Ulster County Commissioner of Social Services.
2. This resolution shall not take effect in either the Towns or the City of Kingston unless confirmed by the Common Council of the City of Kingston, in the manner set forth in Subdivisions 2 of Section 73 of Social Services Law.

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3. The Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature shall send copies of this resolution forthwith to each Town Clerk and to the Mayor and Clerk of the City of Kingston, in the County of Ulster within ten days after the adoption of this resolution.

and move its adoption.

DEFEATED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 11 NOES: 20
(AYES: Legislators Briggs, Donaldson, Loughran, Madsen, Maloney, Richard Parete, Robert Parete, Provenzano, Sheeley, Stoeckeler, and Wadnola)
(Absent: Legislators Belfiglio and Roberts)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

YEAR 2011 – 20% OF ANNUAL LOCAL SAFETY NET COSTS
YEAR 2012 – 40% OF ANNUAL LOCAL SAFETY NET COSTS
YEAR 2013 – 60% OF ANNUAL LOCAL SAFETY NET COSTS
YEAR 2014 – 80% OF ANNUAL LOCAL SAFETY NET COSTS
YEAR 2015 – 100% OF ANNUAL LOCAL SAFETY NET COSTS

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COUNTY OF ULSTER

This is to certify that I, the undersigned Clerk of the Legislature of the County of Ulster have compared the foregoing resolution with the original resolution now on file in the office of said clerk, and which was **DEFEATED** by said Legislature on the 15th day of June, 2010, and that the same is a true and correct transcript of said resolution and of the whole thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the County of Ulster this 17th Day of June in the year Two Thousand and Ten.

/s/ Karen L. Binder
Karen L. Binder, Clerk
Ulster County Legislature