

**Adopting Introductory Local Law No. 10 Of 2007 (A Local Law Amending Local Law Number 1 Of 1989 Adopting The Code Of Ethics, And Requiring Certain County Officers And Local Political Parties To File A Financial Disclosure Form Pursuant To The General Municipal Law And Local Law Number 1 Of 1990 Amending Local Law Number 1 Of 1989 To Provide A Maximum Dollar Amount On The Receipt Of Gifts, To Establish A Fixed Term For Board Of Ethics Members, To Authorize The Board Of Ethics To Enforce The Financial Disclosure Filing Requirement, And To Delete Certain Titles From The Requirement Of Disclosure), Hereinafter Known As Local Law Number 7 Of 2007**

Legislators Aiello, Alfonso, Berardi, Busick, Cummings, Dart, Donaldson, Every, Fabiano, Felicello, Gerentine, Gregorius, Harris, Liepmann, Lomita, Loughran, McAfee, Noonan, Rodriguez and Zimet offer the following:

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 137, dated April 11, 2007, set the date for Public Hearing on Introductory Local Law No. 10 Of 2007 (A Local Law Amending Local Law Number 1 Of 1989 Adopting The Code Of Ethics, And Requiring Certain County Officers And Local Political Parties To File A Financial Disclosure Form Pursuant To The General Municipal Law And Local Law Number 1 Of 1990 Amending Local Law Number 1 Of 1989 To Provide A Maximum Dollar Amount On The Receipt Of Gifts, To Establish A Fixed Term For Board Of Ethics Members, To Authorize The Board Of Ethics To Enforce The Financial Disclosure Filing Requirement, And To Delete Certain Titles From The Requirement Of Disclosure) to be held on Wednesday, May 2, 2007 at 6:15 PM in the Legislative Chambers, Ulster County Office Building, 244 Fair Street, Kingston, New York, and

WHEREAS, said Public Hearing was held on Wednesday, May 2, 2007 at 6:15 PM, Ulster County Office Building, Kingston, New York, and

WHEREAS, said Public Hearing was duly advertised in the official newspapers of the County of Ulster together with a supplemental newspaper of the County of Ulster and posted on the signboard maintained by the Clerk of the Legislature situated in the Ulster County Office Building, and

WHEREAS, all parties in attendance were permitted an opportunity to speak on behalf of or in opposition to said proposed Local Law, and

WHEREAS, based upon the examination of the Ulster County Legislature, and pursuant to Part 617 of the implementary regulations pertaining to Article 8 of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), it has been determined that the adoption of this proposed Local Law constitutes a Type II action as defined under 6 NYCRR 617.5(c)(20) and (27) and does not require any determination or procedure under SEQRA.

Resolution No. 183 May 9, 2007

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WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature supports good, open and honest government that serves the interests of all residents of the Town and County, in a fair and unbiased manner; and

WHEREAS, we find an inherent conflict of interest when elected officials, County Department Heads, County Commissioners, or Chair of County Committees, Commissions or Boards hold an officer position in a County political party or committee; and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature finds this law is intended to eliminate conflicts of interest that arise when high public officials are simultaneously subject to the demands of both their constituencies and their political parties, to broaden opportunities for political and public participation, to reduce the opportunities for corruption inherent in dual office holding, and through all of these methods, to increase citizens' confidence in the integrity and effectiveness of their government,

RESOLVED, that the Introductory Local Law herein is hereby adopted by the Ulster County Legislature, and hereinafter known as Local Law Number 7 of 2007, and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:

NOES:

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

NONE

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**REFERRED BACK TO COMMITTEE**