

Requesting Authority To Amend Ulster County's Hotel And Motel Room Occupancy Tax

Legislator Aiello offers the following:

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature authorized the collection of a Hotel and Motel Room Occupancy Tax pursuant to Local Law Number 5 of 1991, which became effective July 1, 1991, and

WHEREAS, such law was adopted by the Ulster County Legislature pursuant to New York State Tax Law Section 1202-1, at an effective tax rate of two per cent of the per diem rental rate per room, and

WHEREAS, the Hotel and Motel Room Occupancy Tax was thereafter temporarily suspended effective December 1, 1993, by Resolution No. 183, dated August 12, 1993, and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature reinstated the collection of the 2% Hotel and Motel Room Occupancy Tax, effective March 1, 2005, and

WHEREAS, the Hotel and Motel Room Occupancy Tax since March 2005 to present has generated \$931,188.83 in additional revenue, and

WHEREAS, Ulster County generates an estimated \$500,000,000.00 in revenue derived from tourism, and

WHEREAS, increases in the costs of the services required to be provided make it necessary for Ulster County to acquire additional revenue from this service in order to partially avoid increases in property taxes, and

WHEREAS, such law if amended to 10% would generate approximately \$3.5 million in additional revenue.

RESOLVED, that the County of Ulster hereby requests the New York State Legislature to approve legislation amending Chapter 221 of the Laws of 1991 to authorize and empower the County of Ulster to change its Hotel and Motel Room Occupancy Tax to a tax rate of 10% of the per diem rental rate per room, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature is hereby authorized to execute and submit to the New York State Legislature and the members representing Ulster County, a home rule request in accordance with this resolution,

and moves its adoption.

Resolution No. 198 June 14, 2006

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ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:

NOES:

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

RECEIPT OF REVENUE – POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL \$3,500,000.00

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