

Creating A Special Joint Advisory Committee To Study Viable Solutions And Improve The Oversight Of The Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency By The Ulster County Legislature

The Governmental Services and Administration Committee (Chairman Roberts and Legislators Belfiglio, Fabiano, Ronk, Robert Parete, Madsen and Rodriguez) offers the following:

WHEREAS, in 1986, the New York State Legislature enacted Chapter 936 of the Public Authorities Law which created the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency; the Agency's organizational structure consists of a five-member board of directors, and executive director, agency counsel, and management, administrative and operation staff, and

WHEREAS, the County entered into an Agreement on January 26, 1988 with the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency to develop a plan and manage solid waste and recovery systems within the County, therefore providing the citizens of Ulster County with efficient and environmentally sound solid waste and recycling services, and

WHEREAS, certain recent events involving the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency indicate that the Ulster County Legislature act to ensure compliance of the contractual and statutory oversight of the Agency, and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency has adopted their Resolution No. 2203, "Authorizing Joint Committee to Study the Agency;" the resolution requests that the Ulster County Legislature create a joint committee to be made up of Legislators and Members of the Agency to be appointed by the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section C-11(K) of the Ulster County Charter and Section A2-5 (A11) of the Administrative Code: "Powers and duties of Legislature: Among such powers and duties, but not by way of limitation, it shall have the power: *To conduct studies and investigations in furtherance of its legislative functions and, in connection therewith, to obtain and employ professional and technical advice, appoint citizens' committees, commissions and boards, subpoena witnesses, administer oaths, and require the production of books, papers and other evidence deemed necessary or material to such studies or investigations,*" and

WHEREAS, Section C-16 of the Ulster County Charter and Section A2-11 of the Administrative Code, "Advisory committees, commissions and boards. *Members of all citizens' committees, commissions and boards appointed pursuant to § C-11K of the Charter shall serve at the pleasure of the County Legislature. They shall serve without compensation other than for actual and necessary expenses within appropriations made therefor, unless otherwise provided by resolution of the County*

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Legislature. The Chairman of the County Legislature shall be a member ex-officio of all such committees, commissions and boards,” and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Ulster County Legislature to create a special joint advisory committee herein to study viable solutions and improve the oversight of the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency by the Ulster County Legislature, and

WHEREAS, the Governmental Services and Administration Committee has met and reviewed said request with a majority of the members voting approval, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that a seven member Special Joint Advisory Committee is hereby created to study viable solutions and improve the oversight of the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency and shall be known as the Special Joint Committee to Study the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the committee shall consist of seven members: five from the Ulster County Legislature, two members of the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency and Counsels from both the Ulster County Legislature and the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency shall serve as advisors, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the committee shall seek input from stakeholders including but not limited to representatives from labor, haulers, environmental advocates and others, and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Special Joint Advisory Committee will review the Agency’s current status and relationship with County government and recommend improvements to that status and relationship within 120 days,

and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 27 NOES: 3
(NOES: Legislators Donaldson, Petit and Zimet)
(Absent: Legislators Fabiano, Felicello and Harris)

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FINANCIAL IMPACT:
NONE

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STATE OF NEW YORK
ss:
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 adopted by said Legislature on the 15th day of February, 2011, 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 February in the year Two Thousand and Eleven.

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