

Authorizing The Ulster County Legislature To Have Representation At Departmental Budget Review Sessions With The County Executive's Office And To Receive Copies Of All Departmental Budget Requests And Accompanying Documentation

Chairman David B. Donaldson and the Ways and Means Committee (Chairman Lomita and Legislators Cahill, Dart, Gregorius, Provenzano, Zimet, Cummings, Gerentine and Noonan) offer the following:

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature or a committee designated by it is charged by Charter to review the County Executive's Budget, and

WHEREAS, having departmental budget information as soon as it becomes available would facilitate the Legislature's review of the budget requests, and

WHEREAS, the Orange County Legislature has been attending departmental budget reviews for 19 years as per the Orange County Charter ("Members of the committee of the County Legislature designated or created to review the proposed budget shall be entitled to attend all such (proposed budget) hearings and written notice shall be given... to such persons...at least seventy-two hours prior to such hearing"), and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Charter Section C-36 and the Administrative Code for the County of Ulster Section A4-6, requires that the Legislature or a committee designated by it may require attendance of the heads of departments, agencies, offices, or units or their representatives and/or their production of records and information in explanation of their departmental estimates as the Legislature shall deem appropriate, and

WHEREAS, separate meetings with department heads would require duplication of effort on the part of the departments, and

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

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature is hereby authorized to sit in departmental budget reviews with the County Executive's Office, and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Legislature will receive copies, paper or electronic, of all departmental budget requests and all accompanying documentation at the time of submission or at the appointed review session, and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive will provide written notice to the Legislature either personally or by e-mail at least seventy-two hours prior to such hearing,

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and move its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:

NOES:

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
NONE

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