

Adopting The Inclusion Of Additional Lands In Agricultural Districts Within Ulster County As Recommended By The Ulster County Farmland Protection Board

The Economic Development, Housing, Planning and Transit Committee (Chairman Rodriguez and Legislators Berardi, Gregorius, Loughran, Sheeley, Alfonso and Roberti) offers the following:

WHEREAS, consistent with Agriculture and Markets Law Section 303b, Ulster County established an annual 30-day review period for inclusion of additional lands in Agricultural Districts within Ulster County, and

WHEREAS, during this period 13 requests were submitted consisting of 15 parcels with a total of 229 acres, and

WHEREAS, the Agricultural Farmland Protection Board (AFPB) has submitted its recommendations as required and filed with the Clerk of the Legislature, and

WHEREAS, Ulster County along with AFPB has met its responsibilities regarding notice, reporting, and holding of a public hearing, and

WHEREAS, the AFPB has determined that the lands requested to be included in Agricultural Districts within Ulster County consist of predominately viable agricultural land, and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Farmland Protection Board, after making its recommendations, received a letter withdrawing the request to include lands belonging to Wine that consisted of two parcels in the Town of New Paltz.

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature adopts the recommendations of the AFPB for inclusion of additional lands as filed with the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature, with the exception of two parcels owned by Wine in the Town of New Paltz, which are considered to be withdrawn and not included, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature finds that, consistent with the Generic Impact Statement prepared by NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets concerning the environmental impact of placing lands in agricultural districts and its own review of the proposed additions, that no significant adverse environmental impacts will occur as a result of this action and a Negative Declaration is adopted under Part 617(SEQRA), and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature is hereby directed to submit this resolution, a copy of the AFPB report, and other material as required under Agriculture and Markets Law Article 25AA – Agricultural

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Districts, to the Commissioner of Agriculture requesting that the Commissioner certify that the inclusion of these lands in an agriculture district is feasible and in the public interest,

and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 32 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Every)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
NONE

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