Resolution No. 38 January 18, 2007

Rescinding Resolution No. 155 Of April 8, 2004, Which Designated The Ulster County Environmental Management Council As The County's Water Quality Management Agency

The Ways and Means Committee (Chairman Lomita and Legislators Bartels, Berardi, Gregorius, Provenzano, Zimet, Cummings, Gerentine and Noonan) and the Environmental Committee (Chairman Shapiro and Legislators Bartels, Distel, R.A. Parete, Rodriguez, Fabiano and McAfee) offer the following

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 155 of April 8, 2004 designated the Ulster County Environmental Management Council as the County's Water Quality Management Agency, pursuant to New York State County Law, Article 5, Section 220-a, which designated the Ulster County Environmental Management Council as the County's Water Quality Management Agency pursuant to §220-a of County Law, and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Environmental Management Council is comprised of volunteer directors and advisory personnel, with limited financial and administrative resources, and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Environmental Management Council does not currently have the professional staff to continue with this responsibility which includes stormwater management, and

WHEREAS, in light of the foregoing, the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature, pursuant to the powers vested in Local Law, has directed the Ulster County Administrator to perform all the duties and powers regarding oversight and administration of the day-to-day functions and operations of the County of Ulster's Environmental Programs and MS4 Programs and budgets, and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Administrator has also been authorized by the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature to enlist the assistance of any other Public Officer of the County of Ulster that he shall deem necessary in carrying out this function, including but not limited to the heads of the Highways and Bridges Department, the Health Department and the Planning Department to ensure that Ulster County continues to meet its environmental responsibilities, and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Administrator and the Ulster County Attorney have recommended that the Ulster County Legislature immediately create a special committee to study and review the environmental needs of the County, now and in the future, to address the environmental needs of the County, and to report back to the Ulster County Legislature with a plan to address those needs, and

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WHEREAS, the Ulster County Administrator and the Ulster County Attorney hereby recommend that Resolution No. 155 of April 8, 2004 be rescinded, and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Environmental Management Council will continue to function for the purpose it was created by Resolution No. 222, November 9, 1972. The powers of the council will not diminish. It will continue to be responsible for reviewing and advising Ulster County and other Ulster County municipalities on present and proposed methods of using, protecting, and conserving the environment, consistent with section Article 47, Section 107 of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law, and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Committee has met and reviewed this recommendation with a majority of the members voting approval, and

WHEREAS, the Ways and Means Committee has met and reviewed this recommendation with a majority of the members voting approval.

RESOLVED, that Resolution No. 155 of April 8, 2004, which designates the Ulster County Environmental Management Council as the Ulster County Water Quality Management Agency, be hereby rescinded, and

and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 24 NOES: 6

(NOES: Legislators Bartels, Every, R.A. Parete,

R.S. Parete, Roberti and Zimet)

(Absent: Legislators Aiello and Bischoff) (Legislator Felicello left at 7:09 PM)

FINANCIAL IMPACT: NONE