

**Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Initiate The Required Review For Agricultural District No. 2 – Towns Of Gardiner, New Paltz, Plattekill, Rosendale, Shawangunk And The Village Of New Paltz**

The Economic Development / Education, Tourism and Cultural Affairs Committee (Chairman Harris and Legislators Cummings, Felicello, Roberti, Bartels, Loughran and Zimet) offers the following:

WHEREAS, NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets has notified Ulster County that Agricultural District No. 2 in the Towns of Gardiner, New Paltz, Plattekill, Rosendale, Shawangunk and the Village of New Paltz is approaching its eight-year anniversary date of September 10, 2005, and

WHEREAS, Agricultural Markets Law Article 25AA requires the County to cause a review of the District to be conducted and completed within 300 days, and

WHEREAS, such review requires publication of initial notice, a public hearing, as well as reports from the Agricultural Farmland Protection Board and County Planning Board, and

WHEREAS, the Economic Development/Education, Tourism and Cultural Affairs Committee has met and reviewed said request with a majority of the members voting approval.

RESOLVED, the Chairman is authorized to initiate the 300-day review process including publication of notice, as well as setting a public hearing date and place consistent with requirements of Agricultural Markets Law Article 25AA, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Legislature hereby directs the Ulster County Agricultural Farmland Protection Board and the Ulster County Planning Board to prepare the required reports under §303-a of Agriculture and Markets Law,

and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 28                      NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislators Feldmann and Provenzano)  
(Legislators Hyatt and Stoeckeler left at 10:35 PM)  
(Legislator Dart left at 10:40 PM)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:  
NONE