

Requiring That Publications Shall Be Printed On 100% Recycled Content Paper

Legislators Robert S. Parete, Provenzano and Zimet offer the following:

WHEREAS, according to the United States Environmental Protection Agency, the United States uses about 68 million tons of paper and paperboard each year, and more than 2 billion books, 350 million magazines, and 24 billion newspapers are published, and the average office worker uses 10,000 sheets of copy paper each year, and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature believes it is fundamentally important to protect our natural resources through efforts to Reduce the total waste stream, Reuse what we can, and Recycle everything else, and

WHEREAS, purchasing and using recycled paper continues the demand and diverts waste from clogging landfills, and

WHEREAS, printing is defined as any process that transfers to paper or another substrate a printed image from a negative, plate, electronic memory, electronic file, die or stencil, and

WHEREAS, the Government Operations & Environmental Services Committee has the authority set policy pertaining to the Department of the Environment, Environmental Management Council, Fish and Wildlife Management Board, Forest Practice Board and Soil & Water Conservation District, including the protection of water ways and the County's recycling efforts, and

WHEREAS, the Government Operations & Environmental Services Committee has met and considered this resolution, and

WHEREAS, publications is defined as magazines, booklets and pamphlets; corner-stitched, side-stitched, saddle-stitched or perfect bound. And, shall also include the printing of items such as brochures, envelopes, letterheads, business cards and forms, and

WHEREAS, various national and international standards apply to printing, and

WHEREAS, where paper with 100% post-consumer recycled content is not available, or does not meet required form, function and utility, paper procurements shall use post-consumer recycled content to the extent practicable, now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, in recognition of Earth Day in April of 2011, all publications shall be printed on 100% Recycled Paper to the maximum extent practicable and whenever feasible, all county departments shall apply this policy to other printed items such as brochures, envelopes, letterheads, business cards and forms, and be it further

RESOLVED, all county departments and elected officials are encouraged to disseminate publications through electronic means to the greatest extent possible, and be it further

RESOLVED, that all county departments and elected officials are encouraged to print using one color or shades of one color (monochromatic), and be it further

RESOLVED, that all publications shall have a recycled paper logo or the words "Printed on Recycled Paper" on all County Department publications, and be it further

RESOLVED, all County Departments elected officials are encouraged to print publications and material using double sided paper to the maximum extent practicable, and be it further

RESOLVED, the Ulster County Purchasing Department shall issue an Annual report to Legislature responsible on the procurement of all aggregate paper purchases, and be it further

RESOLVED, this policy shall take effect on July 1, 2011,
and move its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:

NOES:

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Legislator Ronk motioned, seconded by Legislator Robert Parete to refer the resolution back to the Government Operations and Environmental Services Committee.

MOTION ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 27 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislators Bernardo, Frey, Hayes,
Provenzano, Sheeley and Stoeckeler)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
TO BE DETERMINED

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REFERRED BACK TO COMMITTEE