

# Introductory Local Law Number 3 Of 2010

## County Of Ulster

### **A Local Law Amending The Ulster County Charter, Local Law No. 2 Of 2006, And Amending The Administrative Code For the County Of Ulster, Local Law No. 10 Of 2008) To Reduce The Number Of Legislative Districts From 23 To 21, Effective At The General Election Of 2011**

BE IT ENACTED, by the Legislature of the County of Ulster, as follows:

#### **SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE INTENT AND FINDINGS.**

1. Pursuant to the Ulster County Charter Section C-8 (A) and the Administrative Code Section A2-2 (A) Members; term of office; election: *“Effective at the general election of 2011, the County of Ulster shall be divided into 23 legislative districts, from each of which shall be elected one person to be a member of the County Legislature. Such persons while holding office shall be known as “Legislators”.”*

2. Pursuant to the Ulster County Charter Section C-10 (A) and the Administrative Code Section A2-4 (A) Commission on Reapportionment: *“A Commission on Reapportionment shall be established as soon as practicable after the availability of data from the census of 2010 to create 23 single-member districts for the Ulster County Legislature and thereafter to meet and evaluate existing legislative districts no later than 60 days after the necessary census data becomes available from the decennial federal census and reapportion them as necessary to meet established standards in state and federal law for equal and fair representation of all people in Ulster County, keeping districts compact and contiguous while taking also into account existing town, city, village and election district boundaries and defining geographic features but giving no consideration to providing advantage to one or another political party. This Commission shall consist of seven members who are County residents, are eligible to register to vote and are not public officers or employees. For purposes of this section, “public officers or employees” shall be defined as public officers or County employees or employees of any town, city or village within the County of Ulster.”*

3. The Ulster County Legislature finds that the Ulster County Charter (Local Law No. 2 of 2006) and the Administrative Code for the County of Ulster (Local Law No. 10 of 2008) should be amended to reduce the number of the legislative districts from 23 to 21, effective at the general election of 2011, at a cost savings to the County of Ulster.

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4. Pursuant to the Ulster County Charter Section C-134: When effective. "An Administrative Code may be adopted and amended by local law at any time subsequent to the approval and adoption of this Charter; and Section C-137 (B): Amendment and the Administrative Code Section A45-10 (B) Amendments to Charter: *"Further, any amendment which would create or abolish an elective County office, change the power or method of removing an elective County officer during his or her term of office, abolish, curtail or transfer to another County office or agency any power of an elected County officer, or change the form or composition of the County Legislature shall be subject to a mandatory referendum."*

**SECTION 2.** Section C-8 (A) of the Ulster County Charter (Local Law No. 2 of 2006) and Section A2-2 (A) of the Administrative Code (Local Law No. 10 of 2008) are hereby amended to read:

1. Pursuant to the Ulster County Charter Section C-8 (A) and the Administrative Code Section A2-2 (A) Members; term of office; election: *"Effective at the general election of 2011, the County of Ulster shall be divided into ~~23~~ 21 legislative districts, from each of which shall be elected one person to be a member of the County Legislature. Such persons while holding office shall be known as "Legislators," and*
2. Pursuant to the Ulster County Charter Section C-10 (A) and the Administrative Code Section A2-4 (A) Commission on Reapportionment: *"A Commission on Reapportionment shall be established as soon as practicable after the availability of data from the census of 2010 to create ~~23~~ 21 single-member districts for the Ulster County Legislature and thereafter to meet and evaluate existing legislative districts no later than 60 days after the necessary census data becomes available from the decennial federal census and reapportion them as necessary to meet established standards in state and federal law for equal and fair representation of all people in Ulster County, keeping districts compact and contiguous while*

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**SECTION 3.** The question that shall be submitted to the voters is as follows:

(a) Shall the size of the Ulster County Legislature be reduced from 23 members to 21 members, effective January 2, 2012, following the results of the 2010 census?

#### **SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE/EFFECTIVE DATE.**

1. This local law shall be effective for the terms of office of members of the Ulster County Legislature beginning January 1, 2012, and shall be effective for the election of representatives for such term and all the processes required for the nomination and election of said members.

2. Pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law Section 23, this Local Law shall not become operative unless and until this Local Law is approved by the duly qualified voters of Ulster County in a manner prescribed by law at the general election on November 2, 2010, and thereafter filed with the Secretary of State.