

# **Local Law Number 3 Of 2008**

## **County Of Ulster**

### **A Local Law To Provide Defense And Indemnification Of County Officers And Employees Of The County Of Ulster**

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

#### **SECTION 1. CONFERRAL OF STATUTORY BENEFITS.**

The Ulster County Legislature hereby adopts Section 18 of the Public Officers Law and confers the benefits thereof upon all County officers and employees.

#### **SECTION 2. DEFENSE AGAINST CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIONS; INDEMNIFICATION.**

The County shall provide for the defense of any County Officer or employee in any civil action or proceeding arising out of any alleged act or omission in which it is alleged that the officer or employee has violated the civil rights of the claimant, petitioner or plaintiff under Sections 1981 and 1983 of the United States Civil Rights Act. The County shall indemnify and save harmless such officer or employee in the amount of any judgment or settlement of claim obtained against such officer or employee. Such legal defense and indemnification shall be provided where the officer or employee at the time of such alleged act or omission was acting in good faith and within the scope of his public employment, power or duties. The provisions of this section shall be in addition to any other statute, local law or enactment providing legal defense and indemnification in civil actions brought against such officer or employee.

#### **SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This local law shall take effect upon filing with the Secretary of State.

**Adopted: September 10, 2008**