

# **Local Law Number 1 Of 2025**

## **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 Modify Various Provisions Relating To Certain Departments And Duties**

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

**SECTION 1. Article 1, Section C-6 of the Ulster County Charter and Article I, Section A1-8 of the Ulster County Administrative Code are hereby amended to read as follows:**

#### **Definitions.**

**DEPARTMENT** – Each of those administrative units of the executive branch set forth in Article V through Article XLIV herein.

**ORIGINAL SIGNATURE** – A term used to describe an autograph in ink on the original paper.

**SECTION 2. Article III, Section C-25 of the Ulster County Charter is hereby amended to read as follows:**

#### **§ C-25. Powers and duties of County Executive.**

The County Executive shall be the chief executive of the County. Except as may be otherwise provided in this Charter, they shall have and exercise all the executive powers and duties conferred by this Charter and/or in law upon a County executive officer or the executive branch of a County government, and all powers and duties necessarily implied or incidental thereto:

- A. Appoint department heads and other officers and employees as provided in this Charter. Should the County Executive fail to make such appointment in writing, signed and filed in the offices of the Clerk of the Legislature and the County Clerk within a period of 120 days from a vacancy in such department or administrative unit, except in the case of the departments of health and social services, in which case such appointment shall be made within 180 days, the County Legislature may appoint such department head or administrative unit head. In no event shall, unless a default occurs in the confirmation process by the County Legislature, any person appointed by the County Executive enter upon their office unless confirmation by the County Legislature shall have been filed by the Clerk of the Legislature in the offices of both the County Clerk and the Clerk of the Legislature; [Amended 8-14-2012 by L.L. No. 9-2012<sup>10</sup>]
- H. Except as otherwise provided in this Charter, serve as an ex officio member of and appoint, supervise and terminate all executive committees, commissions and boards needed to assist them in the exercise of their executive functions and in the planning, formulation and

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administration of executive procedures and programs;

- K. Themselves or through a designee require the submission of regular reports of all County-funded agencies, assuring that publicly provided funds are used by said funded agencies in accord with overall County plans and agreed annually specified goals and objectives for said agencies;
- N. Approve or disapprove in writing by original signature every proposed local law and resolution and the County Budget by specified items, subject to the provisions of § C-12 of this Charter; and
- O. Make such recommendations to the County Legislature with respect to the affairs of the County and its government as the County Executive may deem appropriate.
- P. To conduct studies and investigations in furtherance of their executive functions and, in connection therewith, to obtain and employ professional and technical advice, appoint citizens' committees, commissions and boards. [Added 8- 14-2012 by L.L. No. 9-2012<sup>11</sup>]

**SECTION 3. Article III, Section A3-4 of the Ulster County Administrative Code is hereby amended to read as follows:**

**§ A3-4. Powers and duties of County Executive.**

The County Executive shall be the chief executive of the County. The County Executive shall be responsible for the administration of all County affairs. Except as may be otherwise provided in this Charter, they shall have and exercise all the executive powers and duties conferred by this Charter and/or in law upon a County executive officer or the executive branch of a County government, and all powers and duties necessarily implied or incidental thereto:

- A. Appoint department heads and other officers and employees as provided in this Charter. Should the County Executive fail to make such appointment in writing, signed and filed in the offices of the Clerk of the Legislature and the County Clerk within a period of 120 days from a vacancy in such department or administrative unit, except in the case of the departments of health and social services, in which case such appointment shall be made within 180 days, the County Legislature may appoint such department head or administrative unit head. In no event shall,

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unless a default occurs in the confirmation process by the County Legislature, any person appointed by the County Executive enter upon their office unless confirmation by the County Legislature shall have been filed by the Clerk of the Legislature in the offices of both the County Clerk and the Clerk of the Legislature; [Amended 8-14-2012 by L.L. No. 9-2012<sup>10</sup>]

- F. Except as otherwise provided in this Charter, serve as an ex officio member of and appoint, supervise and terminate all executive committees, commissions and boards needed to assist them in the exercise of their executive functions and in the planning, formulation and administration of executive procedures and programs;
- P. Themselves or through a designee require the submission of regular reports of all County-funded agencies, assuring that publicly provided funds are used by said funded agencies in accord with overall County plans and agreed annually specified goals and objectives for said agencies;
- Z. Approve or disapprove in writing by original signature every proposed local law and resolution and the County Budget by specified items, subject to the provisions of § C-12 of this Charter; and
- BB. Make such recommendations to the County Legislature with respect to the affairs of the County and its government as the County Executive may deem appropriate.
- EE. To conduct studies and investigations in furtherance of their executive functions and, in connection therewith, to obtain and employ professional and technical advice, appoint citizens' committees, commissions and boards. [Added 8- 14-2012 by L.L. No. 9-2012<sup>11</sup>]

**SECTION 4. Article III, Section C-26 of the Ulster County Charter and Article III, Section A3-5 of the Ulster County Administrative Code are hereby amended to read as follows:**

**Appointment of department heads.**

- A. Except as otherwise provided in this Charter, the County Executive shall appoint, to serve at

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their pleasure during their term of service, or for such term as may be specified in this Charter, the head of every department or other administrative unit not administered by an elective official.

- C. All appointments, whether or not subject to confirmation of the County Legislature, shall be in writing, with original signature by the County Executive, and filed in the office of the Clerk of the County Legislature within 10 days after the date of appointment. Except as otherwise provided in this Charter, no such appointee shall hold office beyond the term of the County Executive by whom the appointment was made. Unless removed, an appointee shall continue to serve until their successor is appointed and has qualified, or until an interim appointment is made. The County Executive shall notify the Legislature, in writing, within ten (10) days from the date a vacancy occurs in any position appointed by the County Executive, pursuant to this Section.
- G. The County Executive may appoint one person as head of two or more departments or other administrative units or may serve themselves as the head of one or more administrative units or departments, subject to all requirements in this Charter and/or law as to qualifications.

**SECTION 5. Article VI, Section C-44 of the Ulster County Charter and Article VI, Section A6-1 of the Ulster County Administrative Code are hereby amended to read as follows:**

**Commissioner of Mental Health.**

- A. There shall be a Department of Mental Health, headed by a Commissioner of Mental Health. The Commissioner of Mental Health shall be experienced in public mental health administration and meet the qualifications for this position as specified in the New York State Mental Hygiene Law and/or by the State Commissioner of Mental Hygiene. They shall be appointed by the County Executive in consultation with the Community Services Board and with subject to confirmation by the County Legislature and serve at the County Executive's pleasure.
- B. Powers and duties. Except as otherwise provided in the Charter, the Commissioner of Mental Health shall have and exercise all the powers and duties conferred or imposed upon a Director

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of Community Mental Health or Community Services Board by the Mental Hygiene Law or any other law. They shall perform such other and related duties required by the County Executive or Legislature, and shall be vested with authority, direction and control over the Department of Mental Health, including power to appoint and remove officers and employees within the department.

**SECTION 6. Article VII Section C-47 of the Ulster County Charter and Article VII, Section A7-2 of the Ulster County Administrative Code are hereby amended to read as follows:**

**Powers and duties of Planning Board and Director.**

Except as may otherwise be provided in this Charter, the County Director of Planning and Planning Board shall have all the powers and perform all the duties conferred and/or imposed in the Charter, state law or the County Administrative Code upon a county director of planning or a county planning board. The Director of Planning and/or the County Planning Board shall perform such other and related duties as required by the County Executive or County Legislature and the Planning Director shall be vested with authority, direction and control over the Department of Planning, including power to appoint and remove officers and employees within the department. Other powers and duties shall include, but not be limited to:

**SECTION 7. Article VII Section C-50 of the Ulster County Charter and Article VII, Section A7-6 of the Ulster County Administrative Code are hereby amended to read as follows:**

**Additional powers and duties of Planning Board.**

- C. To review the Comprehensive Plan and to submit its recommendations on it to the County Executive and the County Legislature, and to make recommendations on any proposed amendments to that plan prior to action being taken on such amendments by the County government and to review procedural guidelines for the coordination and preparation of the Comprehensive Plan and annual planning program.

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**SECTION 8.** Article VIII, Section C-53 of the Ulster County Charter and Article VIII, Section A8-1 of the Ulster County Administrative Code are hereby amended to read as follows:

**Commissioner of Finance.**

- B. Powers and duties. The Commissioner of Finance shall be vested with authority, direction and control over the Department of Finance, have the power to appoint and remove officers therein, and:

**SECTION 9.** Article VIII Section C-54 of the Ulster County Charter and Article VIII, Section A8-2 of the Ulster County Administrative Code are **REPEALED** and a new Section C-54 is added to the Ulster County Charter and a new Section A8-2 is added to the Administrative Code to read as follows:

Reserved.

**SECTION 10.** Article IX, Section C-57 of the Ulster County Charter and Article IX, Section A9-2 of the Ulster County Administrative Code are hereby amended to read as follows:

**Powers and duties. [Amended 8-14-2012 by L.L. No. 9-2012<sup>19</sup>]**

The Comptroller shall be the chief auditing officer of the County and be vested with authority, direction and control over the department. Except as may otherwise be provided in this Charter they shall:

- J. Have all the powers and perform all the duties conferred or imposed by law upon a county comptroller, and perform such other related duties requested by the County Executive or County Legislature.

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**SECTION 11. Article XII, Section C-63 of the Ulster County Charter and Article XII, Section A12-1 of the Ulster County Administrative Code are hereby amended to read as follows:**

**Commissioner of Public Works.**

- A. There shall be a Department of Public Works headed by a Commissioner of Public Works who shall be appointed on the basis of their experience and qualifications for office by the County Executive to serve at their pleasure, subject to the confirmation by the County Legislature.
- B. Powers and duties. Except as otherwise provided in this Charter, the Administrative Code or state law, the Commissioner of Public Works shall:
  - (8) Except as otherwise provided in this Charter and subject to the requirements of state law, have the authority, direction and control over the Department of Public Works, including the power to appoint and remove all officers and employees of the department.

**SECTION 12. Article XIII Section C-67 of the Ulster County Charter is hereby amended to read as follows:**

**§C-67. Director of Public Transportation.**

- A. There shall be a Department of Public Transportation, headed by a Director who shall be appointed by the County Executive, on the basis of their experience and qualifications for office to serve at the pleasure of the County Executive, subject to confirmation by the County Legislature.
- B. Powers and duties. The Director of Public Transportation shall have authority, direction and control over the department, including power to appoint and remove officers and employees within the department, as well as:

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**SECTION 13. Article XIII, Section A13-1 of the Ulster County Administrative Code is hereby amended to read as follows:**

**§A13-1. Director of Public Transportation.**

- A. There shall be a Department of Public Transportation, headed by a Director who shall be appointed by the County Executive, on the basis of their experience and qualifications for office to serve at the pleasure of the County Executive, subject to confirmation by the County Legislature.
- B. Powers and duties. The Director of Public Transportation shall have authority, direction and control over the department, including power to appoint and remove officers and employees within the department, and have the charge and duty of performing the following functions concerning the transit system and other modes of transportation as the County Executive may direct:

**SECTION 14. Article XIV Section C-70 of the Ulster County Charter and Article XIV, Section A14-2A of the Ulster County Administrative Code are hereby amended to read as follows:**

**Powers and duties.**

The County Attorney shall have authority, direction and control over the department, including power to appoint and remove officers and employees within the County Attorney's Office, as well as:

**SECTION 15. Article XV Section C-73 of the Ulster County Charter is hereby amended to read as follows:**

**§ C-73. Director of Information Services.**

- A. There shall be a Department of Information Services under the direction of the Director of Information Services, who shall be appointed by the County Executive, subject to confirmation by the County Legislature, and serve at their pleasure. The Director of Information Services

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shall be appointed on the basis of their professional training and experience and other qualifications for the responsibilities of that office.

- B. Powers and duties. The Director of Information Services shall be the chief administrative officer of the Department. Except as may otherwise be provided in this Charter, they shall have all the powers and perform all the duties conferred or imposed by law upon a county director of information services, have authority, direction and control over the Department of Information Services, have power to appoint and remove officers and employees therein, and shall perform such other related duties required by the County Executive or County Legislature.

**SECTION 16. Article XV, Section A15-1 of the Ulster County Administrative Code is hereby amended to read as follows:**

**§A15-1. Director of Information Services.**

- A. There shall be a Department of Information Services under the direction of the Director of Information Services, who shall be appointed by the County Executive, subject to confirmation by the County Legislature, and serve at their pleasure. The Director of Information Services shall be appointed on the basis of their professional training and experience and other qualifications for the responsibilities of that office.
- B. Powers and duties.
  - (1) The Director of Information Services shall be the chief administrative officer of the Department. Except as may otherwise be provided in this Charter, they shall have all the powers and perform all the duties conferred or imposed by law upon a county director of information services, have authority, direction and control over the Department of Information Services, have power to appoint and remove officers and employees therein, and shall perform such other related duties required by the County Executive or County Legislature.

**SECTION 17. Article XVI Section C-74 of the Ulster County Charter and Article XVI, Section A16-1 of the Ulster County Administrative Code are hereby amended to read as follows:**

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**Director of Purchasing.**

- A. There shall be a Department of Purchasing headed by a Director of Purchasing who shall be appointed by the County Executive on the basis of their experience and qualifications for the office to serve at their pleasure, subject to confirmation by the County Legislature.
- B. Powers and duties. The Director of Purchasing shall have authority, direction and control over the Department of Purchasing, have power to appoint and remove officers and employees therein, and:

**SECTION 18. Article XVII Section C-75 of the Ulster County Charter and Article XVII, Section A17-1 of the Ulster County Administrative Code are hereby amended to read as follows:**

**Director of Economic Development.**

- A. There shall be a Department of Economic Development under the direction of the Director of Economic Development, who shall be appointed by the County Executive, subject to confirmation by the County Legislature, and serve at the pleasure of the County Executive. The Director of Economic Development shall be appointed on the basis of their professional training and experience and other qualifications for the responsibilities of that office.
- B. Powers and duties. The Director of Economic Development shall be the chief administrative officer of the Department. Except as may otherwise be provided in this Charter, they shall have all the powers and perform all the duties now or hereafter conferred or imposed by law upon them, have authority, direction and control over the Department of Economic Development, have power to appoint and remove officers and employees therein, and shall perform such other related duties as directed by the County Executive or as appropriated by the County Legislature.

**SECTION 19. Article XVIII, Section C-77 of the Ulster County Charter and Article XVIII, Section A18-1 of the Ulster County Administrative Code are hereby amended to read as follows:**

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**Public Defender.**

- A. There shall be a Department of Public Defender under the direction of a Public Defender, who shall be appointed by the County Executive subject to confirmation by the County Legislature and serve at the County Executive's pleasure. At the time of their appointment, the person appointed as Public Defender shall have been duly admitted to the practice of law in this state for at least five years, and throughout their term of office, the Public Defender shall be and remain duly licensed and entitled to practice law in the State of New York. They shall be appointed on the basis of their legal experience and other qualifications for the responsibilities of his office and devote their full working time to the duties of the office.
- B. The Public Defender shall
  - (1) Have authority, direction and control over the Department of the Public Defender;
  - (2) Provide legal representation, without charge, as directed by a court of appropriate jurisdiction, to persons whom the court has determined are financially unable to retain private counsel and who are charged with a crime, or who are entitled to assigned counsel pursuant to the Family Court Act or other statutory provision;
  - (3) Except as otherwise provided in this Charter, have all the powers and perform all the duties conferred or imposed by law upon their office; and
  - (4) Perform such other and related duties required by the County Executive or County Legislature.

**SECTION 20. Article XXI Section C-88 of the Ulster County Charter and Article XXI, Section A21-2 of the Ulster County Administrative Code are hereby amended to read as follows:**

**Powers and duties.**

The District Attorney shall have and exercise all the powers and duties heretofore or hereafter lawfully granted or imposed by the Charter, Administrative Code, local law or resolution of the

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County Legislature or order or direction of the County Executive not inconsistent with those powers and duties conferred upon their office under the laws and constitution of New York State. They shall have authority and control over the District Attorney's Office, including the power to appoint and remove officers and employees therein.

**SECTION 21. Article XXIII, Section C-92 of the Ulster County Charter and Article XXIII, Section A23-1 of the Ulster County Administrative Code are hereby amended to read as follows:**

**Director of the Office for the Aging.**

- A. There shall be an Office for the Aging, headed by a Director who shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the County Executive. They shall be appointed based upon their education, experience and qualifications to perform the duties of the office and subject to the confirmation of the County Legislature.
- B. Powers and duties. The Director of the Office for the Aging shall have all the powers and perform all the duties now or hereafter conferred or imposed upon them by law, have authority, direction and control over the Office of the Aging including power to appoint and remove officers and employees therein, and perform such other and related duties required by the County Executive or County Legislature.

**SECTION 22. Article XXV Section C-95 of the Ulster County Charter is hereby amended to read as follows:**

**§ C-95. Director of Veterans' Service.**

There shall be a Veterans' Service Agency headed by a Director of Veterans' Service who shall be appointed by the County Executive on the basis of their education and experience qualifications to perform the duties of the office, subject to confirmation by the County Legislature, and serve at the County Executive's pleasure. They shall have all the powers and perform all the duties now or hereafter conferred or imposed upon them by law, have authority, direction and control over the Veteran's Service Agency, including power to appoint and

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remove officers and employees therein, and perform such other and related duties required by the County Executive or County Legislature.

**SECTION 23. Article XXV, Section A25-1 of the Ulster County Administrative Code is hereby amended to read as follows:**

**§A25-1. Director of Veterans' Service.**

- A. There shall be a Veterans' Service Agency headed by a Director of Veterans' Service who shall be appointed by the County Executive on the basis of their education and experience qualifications to perform the duties of the office, subject to confirmation by the County Legislature, and serve at the County Executive's pleasure. The appointee shall be a veteran, defined by statute as someone who served on active duty in the armed forces during a wartime period
- B. Powers and duties. The Director of Veterans' Service shall have all the powers and perform all the duties now or hereafter conferred or imposed upon them by law, have authority, direction and control over the Veteran's Service Agency, including power to appoint and remove officers and employees therein, and perform such other and related duties required by the County Executive or County Legislature.

**SECTION 24. Article XXX Section C-100 of the Ulster County Charter and Article XXX, Section A30-1 of the Ulster County Administrative Code are hereby amended to read as follows:**

**Department of Human Rights**

**Director of Human Rights.**

- A. There shall be a Department of Human Rights headed by a Director of Human Rights who shall be appointed by the County Executive, subject to confirmation of the Legislature, and serve at the County Executive's pleasure. The Director shall have authority, direction and control over the Department of Human Rights, including power to appoint and remove officers

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and employees therein, and perform such other and related duties required by the County Executive or County Legislature. The Director shall serve as an ex officio non-voting member of the Human Rights Commission.

- B. Powers and Duties. The Director of Human Rights shall have managerial responsibility for the Department and administrative responsibility for the Commission of Human Rights. In consultation with the Commission, the Director shall recommend policies and programs to address discrimination in employment, housing, public accommodation, education, and credit; expand public education and awareness of human rights; and foster harmony between the diverse communities within Ulster County.

**SECTION 25. Article XXX Section C-101 of the Ulster County Charter is hereby amended to read as follows:**

**§ C-101. The Commission of Human Rights.**

- A. There shall be a Commission of Human Rights that shall be constituted in accordance with and exercise the powers and duties specified in Article 12-D of the General Municipal Law and other related duties required by the County Executive or the County Legislature.

**SECTION 26. Article XXX, Section A30-2 of the Ulster County Administrative Code is hereby amended to read as follows:**

**§ A30-2. The Commission of Human Rights.**

- A. There shall be a Commission of Human Rights that shall be constituted in accordance with and exercise the powers and duties specified in Article 12-D of the General Municipal Law and other related duties required by the County Executive or the County Legislature.

**SECTION 27. Article XXXVI Section C-113 of the Ulster County Charter and Article XXXVI, Section A36-1 of the Ulster County Administrative Code are hereby amended to read as follows:**

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**Director of Emergency Communications/Emergency Management; Office of Civil Defense**

- A. There shall be a Department of Emergency Communications/Emergency Management headed by a Director of Emergency Communications/Emergency Management appointed on the basis of their experience and qualifications for the duties of the office by the County Executive to serve at their pleasure, subject to the confirmation by the County Legislature. The Department of Emergency Communications/Emergency Management shall be the Office of Civil Defense for the County of Ulster.
- B. Powers and duties. Except as otherwise provided in the Charter, Administrative Code or state law, the Director of Emergency Communications/Emergency Management shall:
  - (3) Act in accordance with Civil Service Law, have the authority, direction and control over the department, including the power to appoint and remove all officers and employees of the Department of Emergency Communications/Emergency Management;
  - (8) Have charge of and have the duty of performing such other related functions and other matters as the County Executive or the County Legislature may from time to time direct.

**SECTION 28. Article XXXVIII Section C-117 of the Ulster County Charter and Article XXXVIII, Section A38-1 of the Ulster County Administrative Code are hereby amended to read as follows:**

**Director of Employment and Training.**

- A. A Department of Employment and Training shall be headed by a Director of Employment and Training who shall be appointed by the County Executive based on their experience and qualifications to perform the responsibilities of office, subject to the confirmation by the County Legislature. They shall serve at the pleasure of the County Executive.
- B. Powers and duties. In accord with the requirements of state and local law, they shall conduct training programs for dislocated workers and low-income and otherwise disadvantaged adults and youths so as to simultaneously improve their life chances and meet the needs of employers,

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thus strengthening the County economy. They shall have all other powers and perform all other duties now and hereafter conferred or imposed upon them by law, have authority, direction and control over the Department of Employment and Training, including power to appoint and remove officers and employees therein, and shall perform such other and related duties required by the County Executive or County Legislature.

**SECTION 29. Article XXXVIX Section C-118 of the Ulster County Charter and Article XXXIX, Section A39-1 of the Ulster County Administrative Code are hereby amended to read as follows:**

**Director of Tourism.**

- A. There shall be Department of Tourism headed by a Director of Tourism who shall be appointed by the County Executive based on their experience and qualifications to perform the duties of the office, subject to confirmation by the County Legislature, and shall serve at the County Executive's pleasure.
- B. Powers and duties. They shall promote all of Ulster County's tourism sites, attractions and events with a view toward strengthening the economy of Ulster County. They shall also have all the powers and perform all the duties now and hereafter conferred or imposed upon them by law, have authority, direction and control over the Department of Tourism, including the power to appoint and remove officers and employees therein, and perform other and related duties required by the County Executive or County Legislature.

**SECTION 30. Article XL Section C-119 of the Ulster County Charter and Article XXXIX, Section A40-1 of the Ulster County Administrative Code are hereby amended to read as follows:**

**Coordinator of Traffic Safety.**

- A. Appointment; term. There shall be a Coordinator of Traffic Safety who shall be appointed by the County Executive based on their experience and qualifications to perform the duties of the office, subject to confirmation by the County Legislature, and shall serve at the County

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Executive's pleasure.

- B. Powers and duties. The Coordinator shall be responsible for the development and coordination of local programs which promote the safety and efficacy of traffic and transportation, including pedestrian and nonmotorized transport, and shall have all the powers and perform all the duties now and hereafter conferred or imposed upon them by law and perform other and related duties required by the County Executive or County Legislature.

**SECTION 31. Article XLI Section C-121 of the Ulster County Charter and Article XLI, Section A41-1 of the Ulster County Administrative Code are hereby amended to read as follows:**

**Director of the Youth Bureau.**

- A. There shall be a Youth Bureau headed by a Director who shall be appointed by the County Executive based on their education, experience and qualifications to perform the duties of the office, subject to confirmation by the County Legislature, and shall serve at the pleasure of the County Executive.
- B. Powers and duties. The Director of the Youth Bureau shall have managerial responsibility for the department and, with the advice and assistance of the Youth Board, recommend policies that promote youth development and prevent delinquency, plan and coordinate activities devoted to the well-being and protection of all youth in Ulster County, and expand public awareness of youth issues. They shall have all the powers and perform all the duties now and hereafter conferred or imposed upon them by law, have authority, direction and control over the Youth Bureau, including power to appoint and remove officers and employees therein and perform such other and related duties required by the County Executive or County Legislature.

**SECTION 32. Article XLIII Section C-126 of the Ulster County Charter and Article XLIII, Section A43-1 of the Ulster County Administrative Code are hereby amended to read as follows:**

**Safety Officer**

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- A. Appointment; term. There shall be Safety Department headed by a Safety Officer who shall be appointed by the County Executive based on their education, experience and qualifications to perform the duties of the office, subject to confirmation by the County Legislature. They shall serve at the pleasure of the County Executive.
- B. Powers and duties. The Safety Officer will assure through inspection, training and education that all County government operations and properties are maintained in a safe and healthful manner in accord with federal, state and County regulations and mandates. They shall have all the powers and perform all the duties now and hereafter conferred or imposed upon them by law, have authority, direction and control over the Safety Department, including power to appoint and remove officers and employees therein, and perform other and related duties required by the County Executive or County Legislature.

**SECTION 33. Article XLIV Section C-127 of the Ulster County and Article XLIV Section A44-1 of the Ulster County Administrative Code are hereby amended to read as follows:**

**Insurance Officer.**

- A. There shall be an Insurance Department headed by an Insurance Officer who shall be appointed by the County Executive based on their education, experience and qualifications to perform the duties of the office, subject to confirmation by the County Legislature. They shall serve at the pleasure of the County Executive and shall have all the powers and perform all the duties now and hereafter conferred or imposed upon them by law, have authority, direction and control over the Insurance Department, including power to appoint and remove officers and employees therein, and perform such other and related duties as required by the County Executive or County Legislature.
- B. Powers and duties. The Insurance Officer shall:
  - (1) Have general charge and responsibility for duties and functions relating to insurance as delegated to them from time to time by the County Executive or County Legislature;
  - (5) Have authority to appoint deputies within the limit of the appropriation for this purpose, and designate a first deputy who shall act as Insurance Officer in the event of the Insurance Officer's absence from the County or inability to perform and exercise their powers and

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**SECTION 34. SEVERABILITY**

In the event that any portion of this local law is found to be invalid, such finding will not have any effect on either the remaining portions or applications of this local law or any provisions of the Ulster County Charter, which shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 35. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This Local Law shall become effective upon its filing with the Secretary of State.

**Adopted by the County Legislature: December 17, 2024**

**Approved by the County Executive: January 16, 2025**

**Filed with New York State Department of State: February 6, 2025**