

**Establishing A Policy Requiring All Legal Notices Be Posted On  
The Official Ulster County Website**

Referred to: The Economic Development, Tourism, Housing, Planning and Transit Committee (Chairman Maloney and Legislators Berky, Delaune, Lapp, Litts, Maio and Rodriguez), and The Laws and Rules, Governmental Services Committee (Chairman Roberts and Legislators Belfiglio, Donaldson, R. Parete and Rodriguez)

Legislator Mary Beth Maio and Legislators Heppner, Litts and Ronk offer the following:

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature is committed to having a government of the people, by the people, and for the people; and

WHEREAS, to accomplish such a commitment, the people must know what its government is doing; and

WHEREAS, it is, therefore, incumbent upon the government to keep the public informed of its actions especially those acts that may or will have a direct impact on all or certain individuals; and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature actively seeks ways to keep the public informed about Legislative and County business; and

WHEREAS, the general public has become more reliant on the internet for all of their information especially through the use of smart phones and tablets; and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature completely revised its website recently in an effort to have increased transparency by launching a new design with a more user-friendly interface so as to increase public participation in legislative business; and

WHEREAS, New York State law requires Ulster County to advertise a variety of legal notices in local papers to inform the public about certain actions the County is taking; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Legislature has not yet amended the laws to include the requirement of posting the legal notices on the internet; and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature determined that it must continue to be current and provide information to the public in a way that is easily accessible and readily available to the public; now therefore be it,

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RESOLVED, that it is the policy of Ulster County that every legal notice that is required by law or regulation shall be published in accordance with such law or regulation and shall also be posted on the official Ulster County website on the relevant department's webpage as well as on a specific webpage dedicated solely to legal notices; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that where and when a law or regulation directs the posting of a legal notice on the internet such posting shall be done so in accordance with the law or regulation,

and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:

NOES:

Passed Committee: Economic Development, Tourism, Housing, Planning and Transit  
on \_\_\_\_\_.

Passed Committee: Laws and Rules, Governmental Services on \_\_\_\_\_.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

NONE