

**Creating Standing Committees For The Year 2016**

Legislators Mary Beth Maio, Hector Rodriguez, and Kenneth Ronk offer the following:

WHEREAS, Section 154 of County Law of the State of New York provides that the Ulster County Legislature may create standing committees for the purpose of aiding and assisting the Legislature in the transaction of its business; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned State Law requires that “any local law or resolution creating any such committee shall specify the powers, duties and number of its members”; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the County of Ulster to formally create standing committees for the purpose of aiding and assisting the Ulster County Legislature in the transaction of its business; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that all standing committees for the year 2016 are hereby set forth as follows and described below:

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM, HOUSING, PLANNING & TRANSIT**

To set legislative policy and review contracts for all aspects of Economic Development, Tourism, and Planning. Responsible for issues pertaining to: Ulster County Industrial Development Agency, Ulster County Planning Department, Revolving Loan Fund Committee, Shovel Ready Committee, Office of Economic Development, Employment and Training, Public Transportation, Technology and the Department of Information Services. To foster relations with the County and local Chambers of Commerce.

**ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT**

To set policy and review contracts pertaining to the Department of the Environment, Environmental Management Council, Fish and Wildlife Management Board, Forest Practice Board, and Soil and Water Conservation District, including the protection of water ways and the County’s recycling efforts. To set policy and review contracts pertaining to but not limited to the activities of the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency.

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**GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY AND REVIEW**

To set policy and review contracts pertaining to the Office of Accountability, Compliance and Efficiency, and the Ulster County Comptroller. To review past enactments including local laws and policies of the Legislature for efficacy, impact on county residents, and the presence or non-presence of enforcement. To act as a liason to Town, City and Village governments. To further be responsible for promoting efficiency and reform in County government by examining and developing alternative guidelines and policies for Ulster County.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

To set policy and review contracts pertaining to the following County Departments: Ulster County Sheriff and the Law Enforcement Center, Probation, Emergency Communications/Emergency Management, Arson Task Force, Traffic Safety, Fire Coordinator, STOP DWI, District Attorney, Consumer Fraud Bureau, Safety and Public Defender.

**LAWS AND RULES, GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES**

To set policy and review contracts pertaining to the following County Departments: Board of Elections, County Attorney, Weights and Measures, Human Rights and Insurance. To oversee Legislative policy and revisions the Legislature wants to see implemented in the Ulster County Charter and the Administrative Code. To review and maintain the Rules of the Legislature and to review and approve all local laws for legal sufficiency only, unless Laws and Rules, Governmental Services is the committee of original jurisdiction. To approve all late resolutions, considering lateness and content prior to submittal to the full Legislature. To approve resolutions required to be referred to it under the Rules of the Legislature.

**LEGISLATIVE PROGRAMS, EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES**

To set policy and review contracts pertaining and related to the following: Arts, Ulster County Community College, Historian, Libraries, Cornell Cooperative Extension, Community Action, Office for the Aging, Youth Bureau, and Veterans Affairs.

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**PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES**

To set policy for and review contracts pertaining to the following County Departments: Health, Mental Health, and Social Services.

**PUBLIC WORKS AND CAPITAL PROJECTS**

To set policy for and review contracts pertaining to the following County Departments: Public Works (including Parks, Highways, and Buildings and Grounds), Transportation and Capital Projects.

**WAYS AND MEANS**

To recommend the Legislature's position on all budgetary and financial matters of the County. To review contracts pertaining to the following departments: County Clerk, Finance, Personnel, Purchasing, and Real Property Tax Services. To approve all resolutions with financial impacts to the County, excluding those financial impacts limited solely to legislative advertising expenses;

and, be it further

RESOLVED, that each of the standing committees set forth herein and above shall consist of five to seven members; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that nothing herein shall be deemed to authorize the delegation of any of the powers, duties or responsibilities of the County Legislature or any officer thereof except as otherwise expressly authorized by law,

and move its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:

NOES:

Passed Committee: Committee of the Whole on \_\_\_\_\_.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

NONE