

Setting A Policy For County Owned Vehicles To Utilize Alternative Fuel Sources

Referred to: The Energy and Environment Committee (Chairman Bartels and Legislators Greene, Parete, Ronk, and Wawro), The Ways and Means Committee (Chairman Gerentine and Legislators Bartels, Belfiglio, Briggs, Maio, Maloney, Provenzano and Rodriguez), and The Laws and Rules, Governmental Services Committee (Chairman Richard Parete and Legislators Archer, Donaldson, Roberts, and Ronk)

Chairman John R. Parete offers the following:

WHEREAS, according to the United States Environmental Protection Agency motor vehicles are responsible for 50% of the nitrogen oxide pollution, 42% of the volatile organic compounds, 25% of particulate matter and 80% of carbon monoxide emissions; and

WHEREAS, Governments and Industries across the country are pursuing various alternative fuels, including Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG), Compressed Natural Gas (CNG), hybrid and electric for their fleets; and

WHEREAS, the County's fleet of vehicles allows our employees to deliver necessary services to our residents; and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature supports the development of a sustainable plan for County owned vehicles that is environmentally conscious while curbing government spending; and

WHEREAS, Ulster County is behind the curve in the use of alternatives to gas as a fuel source for county owned vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the vast improvements to available technologies affords Ulster County the opportunity to aggressively examine the economic viability of natural gas, hybrid and electric sources; and

WHEREAS, pilot programs in Departments within the County structure could efficiently evaluate cost effectiveness of multiple fuel alternatives to determine the best option for the County; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff VanBlarcum agrees with the importance of investigating cost saving initiatives and has included funding for a pilot program utilizing Propane as an alternative fuel source in his 2015 proposed Budget; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, upon successful completion of at least one pilot program, at least 50% of the Ulster County Fleet shall utilize alternative fuel sources by the year 2020, and be it further

RESOLVED, 75% of the Ulster County fleet should utilize alternative fuel sources by the year 2025,

move its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:

NOES:

Passed Committee: Energy and Environment on _____.

Passed Committee: Ways and Means on _____.

Passed Committee: Laws and Rules, Governmental Services on _____.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
UNDETERMINED SAVINGS