

**Establishing The Ulster County Law Enforcement Sustainability
And Efficiency Commission**

**POSTPONED UNTIL MAY 2013 LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PUBLIC
SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Referred to: The Law Enforcement and Public Safety Committee (Chairman Parete and Legislators Belfiglio, Briggs, Ronk and Maio)

Legislators Tracey A. Bartels and David B. Donaldson offer the following:

WHEREAS, providing for and ensuring public safety is a paramount responsibility of government; and

WHEREAS, the impact of State mandates and the property tax cap requires the County to plan strategically to ensure the sustainability of police protection; and

WHEREAS, a comprehensive study is needed in order to analyze the efficiency and coordination of services among the different agencies providing law enforcement services within Ulster County, and to reduce the potential for duplicating efforts and maximize services to the public; and

WHEREAS, any study of county-wide law enforcement practices must account for all sectors of law enforcement efforts, including the District Attorney's Office and Probation Department; and

WHEREAS, the Law Enforcement Sustainability Commission (the "Commission") is tasked with collecting, analyzing and interpreting data and information pertaining to the resources of all law enforcement agencies operating within Ulster County, and ultimately making recommendations to the County Legislature and County Executive to ensure long term, sustainable police protection for residents of Ulster County; and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature shall endeavor to recruit and appoint experts in the field who are familiar with Ulster County's law enforcement structure and operation, such as Dr. Gerald Benjamin and Jonathan Drapkin, both of whom have expressed a willingness to serve on the Commission; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature hereby establishes the Ulster County Law Enforcement Sustainability Commission; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Commission shall consist of nine (9) members, whose members shall serve without compensation; and, be it further

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RESOLVED, that the membership of the Commission shall include the Ulster County Sheriff, or designee; Majority Leader of the Legislature, or designee; Minority Leader of the Legislature, or designee; and the balance of membership shall be appointed equally by the Majority and Minority Leaders of the Legislature respectively; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that all appointments to the Commission shall be made within thirty (30) days from the passage of this resolution, and the Commission shall first meet within thirty (30) days thereafter; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Commission shall comprehensively review the required law enforcement needs of the County and the current inventory of available resources from all law enforcement agencies operating within Ulster County; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that in furtherance of its objective, the Commission is authorized to seek information from the various law enforcement agencies operating with Ulster County, as well as any other agency or group it deems prudent; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that within six (6) months of its initial meeting the Commission shall provide a written report, including its recommendations for long term sustainable police protection, to the Ulster County Legislature and the County Executive,

and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:

NOES:

Passed Committee: Law Enforcement and Public Safety on _____.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

NONE

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