

**Establishing Qualifying Training Activities For The Ulster County Planning Board Members As Required By Article 12 Of General Municipal Law Section 239-C**

The Economic Development, Housing, Planning and Transit Committee (Chairman Rodriguez and Legislators Berardi, Gregorius, Loughran, Sheeley, Alfonso and Roberti) offers the following:

WHEREAS, the County of Ulster has established a County Planning Board pursuant to Article 12 of General Municipal Law that reviews and makes recommendations on local land use plans and projects, and

WHEREAS, effective January 1, 2007, County Planning Board members in New York State, as well as alternate members of the board, must complete a minimum of four hours of training each year as required under General Municipal Law Section 239-C (GML 239-C), and

WHEREAS, GML 239-C provides that a County Planning Board member shall not be eligible for reappointment to such board if they have not completed the required training, and

WHEREAS, training received by a County Planning Board member in excess of four hours in any one year may be carried over by the member into succeeding years, and

WHEREAS, GML 239-C provides that the legislative body of the County specify which activities qualify as meeting the requirements of GML 239-C, and

WHEREAS, the Economic Development, Housing, Planning and Transit Committee has met and reviewed said request with a majority of the members voting approval.

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature establishes the following list of agencies, commissions, associations, universities, other organizations and private firms or individuals as approved to provide training to meet the requirements of GML 239-C when the training they provide pertains to municipal planning, zoning, community design, environmental issues, economic development, and local or county government functions and practices:

1. State Agencies including: the NYS Department of State; Department of Agriculture and Markets; Office of the State Comptroller; Department of Health; Department of Transportation; Department of Environmental Conservation; Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation; Hudson River Valley Greenway, and other state agencies; and

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2. Associations and Professional Organizations: as offered by the NYS Association of Towns, the NY Conference of Mayors, the NYS Association of Counties, the NY Planning Federation, the American Planning Association, the Upstate New York Chapter of the American Planning Association and the Metro New York Chapter of the American Planning Association, Association of State Wetland Managers, Urban Land Institute, NYS Bar Association; and
3. New York State Regional Planning Commissions and Boards including: the Capital District Regional Planning Commission, Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board, Herkimer-Oneida Counties Comprehensive Planning Program, Lake Champlain-Lake George Regional Planning Board, Long Island Regional Planning Board, Southern Tier Central Regional Planning and Development Board, Southern Tier East Regional Planning Development Board, Southern Tier West Regional Planning and Development Board, Genesee-Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council, Hudson Valley Regional Council, Tug Hill Commission, and Adirondack Park Agency; and
4. County Planning Boards and Federations including: any county planning board, regional council, or county planning federation established pursuant to Article 12 of New York State General Municipal Law; and
5. Universities and Colleges: the Albany Law School Governmental Law Center, Pace Law School, Cornell University and its cooperative extension, SUNY ESF and other universities and colleges with a degree program in land use law or planning; and
6. Approved Local Municipal Training: any training that has been approved by resolution for planning board members by a legislative body of a municipality in Ulster County
7. Private Firms and Individuals: where such training is sponsored by any of the above
8. On-Line Planning and Zoning Training Programs: as offered by the New York Municipal Insurance Reciprocal, Pace University and Land Use Law Center, and the Lincoln Institute of Land Use Policy; and
9. Other Approved Training: as offered by a NYS Soil and Water Conservation District and that portion of any meeting of the Ulster County Planning Board

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designed to provide training on issues consistent with the above including updates on land use laws, environmental statutes and programs, and case law as documented in minutes and agenda of the Board.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that except where Ulster County itself provides the training, it is the responsibility of County Planning Board members to submit written confirmation of training attended to the Director of the Ulster County Planning Board to receive credit. The Director shall have the discretion to approve modifications of this list in response to changes in training providers and/or their curricula, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this training policy shall constitute a revision to the County Planning Board By-Laws, which shall be correspondingly amended and provided in updated form to each County Planning Board member, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that any new county planning board member appointed to fill the last three months of a term shall not be required to have attended training to be reappointed to a first full term, but must thereafter comply with the municipal training policy as provided elsewhere herein, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, at least one training opportunity shall be provided by the Ulster County Planning Board staff each calendar year at no cost to municipal planning and zoning board members, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Planning Board Director shall create and maintain a system of tracking the training individual members complete annually. Such information shall be reported to the Ulster County Legislature as part of the County Planning Board's annual report and an individual's training records shall be presented to the Ulster County Legislature prior to considering a member for reappointment,

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and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 31                      NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislator Felicello)  
(Legislator Every left at 8:15 PM)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:  
NONE

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