

**Directing That The Cost Of All Of The Assistance And Care For Which Towns And Cities Are Responsible Shall Be A Charge On The County Social Services District And Administered Under The Direction Of The County Commissioner Of Social Services, Pursuant Social Services Law**

The Human Development Committee (Chairman Kraft and Legislators Distel, Liepmann, Loughran, R.A. Parete, Provenzano, Busick, Harris and Noonan) and Legislators Cahill, Berardi, Dart and Donaldson offer the following:

WHEREAS, the County of Ulster is responsible for the administration and cost of all public assistance and care in the County, with the exception of Safety Net for local charges residing in the towns and cities, except in the City of Kingston, and

WHEREAS, Section 72 of Social Services Law provided that a County Legislature may, by resolution adopted by a majority vote, direct that cost of all or any part of the assistance and care for which the towns and cities are made responsible under the provisions of Subdivisions 1 and 2 of Section 69 of Social Services Law (Safety Net) shall be a charge on the County Social Services district and administered under the direction of the County Commissioner of Social Services, and

WHEREAS, it is deemed advisable for the County Social Services District to take over the administration of all public assistance and care, for which the towns and cities are now responsible, and that the same shall be a charge on the County Social Services District.

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature does hereby direct that the County Commissioner of Social Services assume responsibility for the administration of all assistance and care for which the cities and towns are now responsible and that the same be a charge on the County Social Services District, in accordance with the following seven (7) year phase in plan:

1. This Legislature hereby directs and implements the seven (7) year phase in plan as follows:
  - (a) commencing January 1, 2008, 5% of the cost and assistance and care for which the Towns and City of Kingston are made responsible under the provisions of Subdivisions 1 and 2 of Section 69 of Social Services Law, shall be a charge on the County Social Services District, and administered under the direction of the Ulster County Commissioner of Social Services; and

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- (b) commencing January 1, 2009, 10% of the cost and assistance and care for which the Towns and City of Kingston are made responsible under the provisions of Subdivisions 1 and 2 of Section 69 of Social Services Law, shall be a charge on the County Social Services District, and administered under the direction of the Ulster County Commissioner of Social Services; and
- (c) commencing January 1, 2010, 25% of the cost and assistance and care for which the Towns and City of Kingston are made responsible under the provisions of Subdivisions 1 and 2 of Section 69 of Social Services Law, shall be a charge on the County Social Services District, and administered under the direction of the Ulster County Commissioner of Social Services; and
- (d) commencing January 1, 2011, 35% of the cost and assistance and care for which the Towns and City of Kingston are made responsible under the provisions of Subdivisions 1 and 2 of Section 69 of Social Services Law, shall be a charge on the County Social Services District, and administered under the direction of the Ulster County Commissioner of Social Services; and
- (e) commencing January 1, 2012, 60% of the cost and assistance and care for which the Towns and City of Kingston are made responsible under the provisions of Subdivisions 1 and 2 of Section 69 of Social Services Law, shall be a charge on the County Social Services District, and administered under the direction of the Ulster County Commissioner of Social Services; and
- (f) commencing January 1, 2013, 80% of the cost and assistance and care for which the Towns and City of Kingston are made responsible under the provisions of Subdivisions 1 and 2 of Section 69 of Social Services Law, shall be a charge on the County Social Services District, and administered under the direction of the Ulster County Commissioner of Social Services; and

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- (g) commencing January 1, 2014, 100% of the cost and assistance and care for which the Towns and City of Kingston are made responsible under the provisions of Subdivisions 1 and 2 of Section 69 of Social Services Law, shall be a charge on the County Social Services District, and administered under the direction of the Ulster County Commissioner of Social Services.
2. This resolution shall not take effect in either the Towns or the City of Kingston unless confirmed by the Common Council of the City of Kingston, in the manner set forth in Subdivisions 2 of Section 73 of Social Services Law.
3. The Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature shall send copies of this resolution forthwith to each Town Clerk and to the Mayor and Clerk of the City of Kingston, in the County of Ulster within ten days after the adoption of this resolution.

and moves its adoption.

DEFEATED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 11                      NOES: 19  
(AYES: Legislators Bartels, Cahill, Dart, Distel,  
Donaldson, Loughran, R.A. Parete, R.S. Parete,  
Provenzano, Rodriguez and Sheeley)  
(Absent: Legislators Every, Felicello and Kraft)

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Legislator R.S. Parete motioned, seconded by Legislator Liepmann to refer resolution back to the Human Development Committee for further discussion with Town Supervisors and other interested parties regarding the numerous factors involved in the Safety Net costs.

MOTION DEFEATED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 15                      NOES: 15  
(AYES: Legislators Bartels, Berardi, Cahill, Dart, Distel, Donaldson, Liepmann, Lomita, Loughran, R.A. Parete, R.S. Parete, Provenzano, Rodriguez, Sheeley and Stoeckeler)  
(Absent: Legislators Every, Felicello and Kraft)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

YEAR 2008 – 5% OF ANNUAL LOCAL SAFETY NET COSTS  
YEAR 2009 – 10% OF ANNUAL LOCAL SAFETY NET COSTS  
YEAR 2010 – 25% OF ANNUAL LOCAL SAFETY NET COSTS  
YEAR 2011 – 35% OF ANNUAL LOCAL SAFETY NET COSTS  
YEAR 2012 – 60% OF ANNUAL LOCAL SAFETY NET COSTS  
YEAR 2013 – 80% OF ANNUAL LOCAL SAFETY NET COSTS  
YEAR 2014 – 100 % OF ANNUAL LOCAL SAFETY NET COSTS

\$75,011.00 – APPROXIMATE COUNTY LEVY INCREASE 2008

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