

Urging The State Of New York To Enact Legislation Mandating Security Cameras To Be Placed At All Entrances, Doorways And Service Areas Including The Parking Facilities And Access Roads Leading To And From Enclosed Shopping Malls For The Purpose Of Providing A Safe Environment For All Residents And Businesses

Legislator Loughran and the Criminal Justice and Safety Committee (Chairman Dart and Legislators Distel, Gregorius, R.A. Parete, Zimet, Aiello and Every) offers the following:

WHEREAS, the safety and security of all Ulster County residents is a priority in Ulster County Government, and

WHEREAS, video surveillance and monitoring is essential to the safety of the public who visit and shop at malls and in the investigation of criminal activity and arrest of those responsible for said activity, and

WHEREAS, installing security video cameras at shopping malls should be considered a cost of doing business, and

WHEREAS, a shopping mall in Ulster County has been the site of violent crimes in the recent past, specifically the murder of a County resident working at a business inside a local mall and an incident where a man walked into a local mall and began shooting a rifle randomly putting the general public at risk, and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature recognizes and is concerned with the safety of all Ulster County residents who shop, use or frequent the shopping malls doing business in Ulster County, and

WHEREAS, the State and its agencies, departments and/or councils has authority to promulgate rules and regulations regarding New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code.

RESOLVED, that the New York State Legislature and/or its respective agencies, departments and/or councils amend the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code so as to require that shopping malls within the State place and install security cameras at all entrances, doorway and service areas including the parking facilities and access roads leading to and from enclosed shopping malls for the purpose of providing a safe environment for all resident, business, and

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FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature shall forward copies of this resolution to Governor George E. Pataki, Comptroller Alan Hevesi, Senate Majority Leader Joseph Bruno, Senate Minority Leader David A. Paterson, Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, Assembly Majority Leader Paul A. Tokasz, Assembly Minority Leader James N. Tedisco, New York State Senators John J. Bonacic and William J. Larkin, Jr., New York State Assemblymen Kevin A. Cahill, Clifford W. Crouch, Daniel L. Hooker and Thomas Kirwan, Secretary of State Christopher L. Jacobs, Ronald Piester, Director of the New York State Division of Code Enforcement and Administration, and the New York State Association of Counties, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution is subject to the County of Ulster adopting a Local Law that would facilitate the foregoing,

and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 25 NOES: 5
(NOES: Legislators Bartels, Bischoff, Gerentine,
Noonan and Shapiro)
(Absent: Legislators Alfonso, Every and
Felicello)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
NONE