

# Proposed Local Law Number 10 Of 2012

## County Of Ulster

### **A Local Law Amending The Ulster County Charter And Ulster County Administrative Code By Deleting Article XVII From Each (Real Property Tax Service Agency), And Amending The Ulster County Charter With Respect To Article VIII (Department Of Finance)**

**BE IT ENACTED**, by the Legislature of the County of Ulster, as follows:

#### **SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE INTENT AND PURPOSE.**

The Ulster County Executive and Ulster County Legislature find and determine that in order to assure the provision of services to the residents of Ulster County in the most efficient and cost effective way possible, the Legislature hereby deletes Article XVII from the Ulster County Charter as well as Article XVII of the Administrative Code of Ulster County and transfers all powers and duties inherent to the Real Property Tax Service Agency to the Department of Finance.

**SECTION 2.** Section C-53 of the Ulster County Charter is hereby amended by adding the following which shall read as follows:

C. There shall be within the Department of Finance, an independent Division of Real Property Tax Service under the direction of a Deputy Commissioner of Finance/Director of Real Property Tax Service, who shall be appointed by the County Executive and serve at the pleasure of the County Executive. At the time of his or her appointment, and throughout his or her term of office, he or she shall possess such qualifications that conform to those prescribed by the State of New York for county directors of real property tax service agencies pursuant to Article 15-A, Section 1530 of the New York State Real Property Tax Law. He or she shall be appointed on the basis of his or her administrative experience and other qualifications for the responsibilities of this office, except that if the Deputy Commissioner of Finance/Director of Real Property Tax Service is appointed for a fixed term of years pursuant to a provision of state law, he or she may only be removed for cause, after written notice of charges and an opportunity to be heard.

D. The independent Division of Real Property Tax Service shall:

(1) Have all of the powers and perform all of the duties conferred or imposed by Article 15-A of the Real Property tax Law, including but not limited to the extension of real estate taxes, the issuance of tax bills, the maintenance of County assessment records, the submission to the County Executive of tax

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equalization rates and the rendering of assistance to assessors throughout the County in the performance of their respective responsibilities;

(2) Prepare tax maps for the use of the assessor of all the assessing units in the County; on such maps shall be shown each separately assessed parcel of real property with its boundaries properly marked, pursuant to the Real Property Tax Law;

(3) Shall perform such other and related duties as required by the County Executive; and

(4) On or before March 1 of each year, make an annual report to the County Executive and County Legislature for the immediately preceding calendar year, covering generally the work of the division. The Deputy Commissioner of Finance/Director of Real Property Tax Service shall make such other reports at such times as may be required by the County Executive, County Legislature or any applicable law. Copies of all reports shall be filed with the County Executive and the Clerk of the County Legislature.

**SECTION 3.** Article XVII of the Ulster County Charter is hereby deleted in its entirety.

**SECTION 4.** Article XVII of the Administrative Code of Ulster County is hereby deleted in its entirety.

**SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY**

In the event that any portion of this local law is found to be invalid, such finding will not have any effect on either the remaining portions or applications of this local law or any provisions of the Ulster County Charter, which shall remain in full force and effect.

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**SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE**

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the New York State Secretary of State.