

# Proposed Local Law No. 4 Of 2013

## County Of Ulster

### A Local Law Amending Local Law No. 8 of 2012 (A Local Law Entitled “Mandate and Taxation Information Act”)

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

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

The Ulster County Legislature finds and determines that the purpose of the “Mandate and Taxation Information Act” has been frustrated by the 14 point type requirement, which has led the County tax bill to be in non-conformity with standard mailing procedures. It is the intent of this law to deliver a detailed and clear explanation of the New York State mandated spending requirements, while doing so in the most efficient and cost-effective way for the County taxpayers.

**SECTION 2.** Section 3 of Local Law No. 8 of 2012 is amended to read as follows:

The County Executive is hereby authorized to cause an information statement to be provided on County tax bill ~~in bold, capitalized font of at least 14 point type,~~ reading as follows:

The State of New York requires local governments to perform many functions and provide services without financial support. These State requirements or “unfunded State mandates” have a direct impact on local spending and represent a significant portion of the County and Town real property taxes that are due. Please see the notice enclosed with this tax bill for a more detailed explanation of the spending required by the State of New York and the impact on local property tax rates or visit the following website: <http://co.ulster.ny.us> or <http://www.co.ulster.ny.us/Legislature>

This statement shall be prominently displayed on the tax bill as a separate section and not included with any other information provided on the County tax bill. The County Executive may modify the information statement, if necessary to conform the County tax bill to standard mailing procedures, and to promote efficiency. The County Executive is hereby authorized to cause the County Tax Bill Insert required by Section 4 to be prominently posted on the County website.

In the event the websites of the County or the County Legislature are changed, the website(s) otherwise listed in this Section shall change to reflect the new website(s).

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**SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Local Law shall take effect upon filing with the Secretary of State.