

Establishing The Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency (UCRRA) Reform Committee

Referred to: The Energy, Environment and Sustainability Committee (Chairwoman Greene and Legislators Hansut, Levine, Maloney, and Stewart)

Legislators Joe Maloney and Eric Stewart offer the following:

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency (UCRRA) is a public authority established by the state legislature and governed by the Public Authorities Law under which the County Legislature appoints the members of the UCRRA governing board; and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency receives and disposes of solid waste generated in Ulster County pursuant to a contract with Ulster County; and

WHEREAS, in 2023 two of the five members of the UCRRA board resigned and members of the UCRRA board and the public have proposed reform or abolition of the UCRRA; and

WHEREAS, the County Charter and the Legislature Rules of Order authorize the Legislature to establish special committees; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Legislature establishes a special committee, known as the UCRRA Reform Committee, to review UCRRA enabling legislation, operations, policies, and the contractual agreement with Ulster County, and recommend reform measures to the Legislature; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the membership of the UCRRA Reform Committee shall include (1) the Chair of the Legislature or the Chair's legislative member designee; (2) the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature's Energy, Environment and Sustainability Committee or Energy, Environment and Sustainability Committee member designee; (3) a legislative member appointed by the Minority Leader of the Ulster County Legislature; (4) the County Executive or representative appointed by the County Executive; (5) the County Comptroller or representative appointed by the County Comptroller; (6) the President of the Ulster County Association of Town Supervisors and Mayors or Ulster County Association of Town Supervisors and Mayors member designee; (7) the Chair of the UCRRA Board of Directors or UCRRA Board of Directors member designee; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that all appointments to the UCRRA Reform Committee shall be made within thirty (30) days from the passage of this resolution; and, be it further

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RESOLVED, that the Commission shall first meet within thirty (30) days of its full membership appointment; and, be it further

RESOLVED, UCRRA Reform Committee members, once appointed, shall serve for the duration of the Committee assignment; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the first meeting of the UCRRA Reform Committee shall be called by the Chair of the Legislature or Chair's legislative member designee and at that meeting the permanent Chair of the Committee shall be elected; and, be it further

RESOLVED, the UCRRA Reform Committee shall establish its own schedule for meetings, and within six (6) months of its initial meeting, the UCRRA Reform Committee shall provide a written report of its findings and recommendations to the Ulster County Legislature;

and move its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Fabiano)

Passed Committee: Energy, Environment and Sustainability on September 7, 2023

Referred back to Energy, Environment and Sustainability Committee at Legislative Session on September 19, 2023

Postponed in Committee: Energy, Environment and Sustainability as amended on October 5, 2023 until a Special Meeting scheduled for October 16, 2023

Passed Committee: Energy, Environment and Sustainability as amended on October 16, 2023

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
NONE

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STATE OF NEW YORK

ss:

COUNTY OF ULSTER

I, the undersigned Clerk of the Legislature of the County of Ulster, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is the original resolution adopted by the Ulster County Legislature on the 17th Day of October in the year Two Thousand Twenty-Three, and said resolution shall remain on file in the office of said clerk.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the County of Ulster this 19th Day of October in the year Two Thousand Twenty-Three.

[s] Victoria A. Fabella
Victoria A. Fabella, Clerk
Ulster County Legislature