

RESOLUTION NO. 292

RESOLUTION REQUIRING THAT LOCAL LAWS BE PROVIDED ON THE COUNTY'S WEBSITE BEFORE A PUBLIC HEARING

Introduced: 7/13/15

By Messrs. Mendick, Reilly and Law Committee:

WHEREAS, Public hearings on local laws are not only a state mandated requirement, but are also an important and invaluable way to gain input from impacted parties and the public as a whole, and

WHEREAS, Public hearings allow all members of the public to offer suggestions on possible changes and improvements to the local law that may not have been obvious to the drafters of the law, and

WHEREAS, A transparent and open government should encourage as much public participation as possible, and

WHEREAS, Allowing the public the opportunity to see and review the local laws before the public hearing takes place would only improve the quality of the public input and thereby improve the local laws that are enacted, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the final version of a local law for which a public hearing has been scheduled, will be provided to the public on the County Legislature's website at least 5 days before the public hearing is scheduled to take place, and, be it further

RESOLVED, This resolution will go into effect immediately after its adoption, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Legislature is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the appropriate County Officials.

Referred to Law Committee. 7/13/15

Mr. Reilly proposed the following amendment:

Add after the third "Whereas" clause:

"WHEREAS, The Albany County Division of Information Services currently uploads and maintains public access to similar public hearing information online, and"

Replace the first Resolve clause as follows:

"RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the final version of a local law for which a public hearing has been scheduled, will be provided by

the Albany County Division of Information Services to the public on the County Legislature's website at least 5 days before the public hearing is scheduled to take place, and, be it further"

Amendment was passed by unanimous vote.

Resolution as amended was adopted. 9/14/15