

RESOLUTION NO. 155

REQUESTING THE ALBANY COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH AND THE HEALTH COMMISSIONER TO AMEND THE ALBANY COUNTY SANITARY CODE TO REQUIRE RESTAURANTS AND FOOD SERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS TO POST INSPECTION REPORTS

Introduced: 4/11/11

By Messrs. Higgins, Bullock, Clay and Clenahan:

WHEREAS, The Albany County Department of Health is charged with the responsibility of conducting inspections of restaurants and food service establishments in Albany County to evaluate the safety and sanitation of the premises and to monitor food handling practices to ensure adequate compliance with state and local laws protecting the public health, and

WHEREAS, While the County has for the past several years posted all restaurant and food service inspection reports on the Albany County website at <http://www.albanycounty.com/restaurantinspections/>, also requiring the posting of these inspection reports at a conspicuous location in the restaurant or food service establishment would facilitate consumers making informed dining decisions and allow for more meaningful comparisons, and

WHEREAS, Requiring such posting will encourage all restaurants and food service establishments to more vigilantly upgrade their cleanliness and sanitation standards, which are of the utmost importance to the protection of the public's health, and,

WHEREAS, The County Legislature finds and determines that providing consumers with more information about the cleanliness and history of inspections at restaurants and food service establishments promotes an important matter of public policy, namely the protection of the public health, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That this Honorable Body requests that the Albany County Board of Health and the Health Commissioner develop a practicable plan to amend the Albany County Sanitary Code to require restaurants and food service establishments to out post inspection reports at a conspicuous location in the front of the restaurant or food service establishment, and, be it further

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

Referred to Health Committee. 4/11/11