

## County of Schenectady

#### **NEW YORK**

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#### SCHENECTADY COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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#### MARCH 14, 2023 COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

DATE: 10 March 2023

TO: Honorable Schenectady County Legislators FROM: Geoffrey T. Hall; Clerk of the Legislature

SUBJECT: Committee Meetings

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

620 State Street Legislative Chambers Sixth Floor – 7:00 PM

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Legislator Hughes, Chair

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Legislator Fields, Chair



## **Schenectady County Legislature**

### Committee on Economic Development and Planning

### Hon. Gary Hughes, Chair

6th Floor County Office Building 620 State Street, Schenectady, New York 12305 Phone: (518) 388-4280 Fax: (518) 388-4591

DATE:

March 10, 2023

TO:

Honorable Schenectady County Legislators

FROM:

Geoffrey T. Hall, Clerk of the Legislature

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE AGENDA

Committee on Economic Development and Planning

Honorable Gary Hughes, Chair Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. Schenectady County Office Building, Legislative Chambers, Sixth Floor

Item	Title	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor
EDP	0 PRESENTATION BY RAY GILLEN REGARDING THE METROPLEX ANNUAL REPORT	Legislator Hughes	

**Date:** 3/10/2023

Reference: Economic Development and Planning

Dual Reference:

Initiative: EDP 0

Title of Proposed Resolution:

PRESENTATION BY RAY GILLEN REGARDING THE METROPLEX ANNUAL REPORT

Purpose and General Idea:

PRESENTATION BY RAY GILLEN REGARDING THE METROPLEX ANNUAL REPORT

**Summary of Specific Provisions:** 

PRESENTATION BY RAY GILLEN REGARDING THE METROPLEX ANNUAL REPORT

Effects Upon Present Law:

None.

Justification:

PRESENTATION BY RAY GILLEN REGARDING THE METROPLEX ANNUAL REPORT

Sponsor: Legislator Hughes

### COUNTY OF SCHENECTADY



## RORY FLUMAN COUNTY MANAGER

# OFFICE OF THE COUNTY MANAGER 620 STATE STREET SCHENECTADY, NEW YORK 12305

TELEPHONE: (518) 388-4355 FAX: (518) 388-4590

To:

Honorable Chairperson and Members of the Legislature

From:

Rory Fluman, County Manager

CC:

Geoffrey T. Hall, Clerk of the Legislature

Alissa Foster, Deputy Clerk of the Legislature

Ray Gillen, Metroplex Chair

Date:

March 3, 2022

Re:

Authorization to Conduct Metroplex Annual Briefing

Attached is a memorandum from Ray Gillen, Metroplex Chair, requesting authorization to conduct the Metroplex annual briefing per Metroplex statue.

I recommend your approval.



### **MEMO**

TO:

Rory Fluman

FROM:

Ray Gillen

SUBJECT:

Metroplex Report to County Legislature

DATE:

February 17, 2023

The Metroplex statute requires an annual briefing to the County Legislature. We would like to conduct this briefing at the March meeting of the County Legislature to be held on March  $14^{th}$ .

If you need more information, please let me know.



## **Schenectady County Legislature**

#### **Committee on Rules**

### Hon. Philip Fields, Chair

6th Floor County Office Building 620 State Street, Schenectady, New York 12305 Phone: (518) 388-4280 Fax: (518) 388-4591

DATE:

March 10, 2023

TO:

Honorable Schenectady County Legislators

FROM:

Geoffrey T. Hall, Clerk of the Legislature

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE AGENDA

Committee on Rules

Honorable Philip Fields, Chair

Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at 7:00p.m. Schenectady County Office Building, Legislative Chambers, Sixth Floor

<u>Item</u>	Title	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor
R	10 A RESOLUTION HONORING THE JOHN F. KENNEDY DIVISION 1 OF THE ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS TOGETHER WITH THE JOHN F. KENNEDY DIVISION 1 OF THE LADIES ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS AND ALL IMMIGRANTS FROM IRELAND AND THEIR DESCENDENTS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF SCHENECTADY ON THE OCCASION OF THE FEAST OF SAINT PATRICK, MARCH 17	The Committee on Rules	Legislators Hughes and McDonald
R	11 A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE DUANESBURG BOYS' VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM ON BECOMING SECTION II CLASS C CHAMPIONS AND ON THEIR OUTSTANDING 2023 SEASON	The Committee on Rules	

Item		Title	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor
R	12	A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE DUANESBURG GIRLS' VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM ON BECOMING CLASS C SECTION II CHAMPIONS AND ON THEIR OUTSTANDING 2023 SEASON	The Committee on Rules	
R	13	A RESOLUTION HONORING SCHENECTADY COUNTY DIRECTOR OF VETERANS SERVICE AGENCY WILLIAM FRANK JR. FOR HIS SERVICE AND COMMITMENT TO OUR COUNTY AND TO THE RESIDENTS OF SCHENECTADY COUNTY	The Committee on Rules	
R	14	A RESOLUTION ADOPTING LOCAL LAW NO. A OF 2023	The Committee on Rules	
R	15	A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SCHENECTADY COUNTY AGRICULTURAL AND FARMLAND PROTECTION BOARD REGARDING PARCELS TO BE ADDED TO AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT NUMBER 1	The Committee on Rules	
R	16	A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE ACCEPTANCE OF MONIES FROM THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY AND CITY HEALTH OFFICIALS	The Committee on Rules	

Item	Title	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor
R	17 A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE TO APPROVE A SPECIAL LAW TO EXTEND THE AUTHORITY OF SCHENECTADY COUNTY TO ENACT THE "2023 SCHENECTADY COUNTY HOMEOWNERS \$250 REBATE PROGRAM"	The Committee on Rules	
R	18 A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE TO APPROVE A SPECIAL LAW TO EXTEND THE AUTHORITY OF SCHENECTADY COUNTY TO IMPOSE AN ADDITIONAL SALES AND COMPENSATING USE TAX OF ONE-HALF OF ONE PERCENT	The Committee on Rules	

Date: 3/10/2023 Reference: Rules

**Dual Reference:** 

Initiative: R 10

#### Title of Proposed Resolution:

A RESOLUTION HONORING THE JOHN F. KENNEDY DIVISION 1 OF THE ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS TOGETHER WITH THE JOHN F. KENNEDY DIVISION 1 OF THE LADIES ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS AND ALL IMMIGRANTS FROM IRELAND AND THEIR DESCENDENTS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF SCHENECTADY ON THE OCCASION OF THE FEAST OF SAINT PATRICK, MARCH 17

#### Purpose and General Idea:

A RESOLUTION HONORING THE JOHN F. KENNEDY DIVISION 1 OF THE ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS TOGETHER WITH THE JOHN F. KENNEDY DIVISION 1 OF THE LADIES ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS AND ALL IMMIGRANTS FROM IRELAND AND THEIR DESCENDENTS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF SCHENECTADY ON THE OCCASION OF THE FEAST OF SAINT PATRICK, MARCH 17

#### **Summary of Specific Provisions:**

A RESOLUTION HONORING THE JOHN F. KENNEDY DIVISION 1 OF THE ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS TOGETHER WITH THE JOHN F. KENNEDY DIVISION 1 OF THE LADIES ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS AND ALL IMMIGRANTS FROM IRELAND AND THEIR DESCENDENTS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF SCHENECTADY ON THE OCCASION OF THE FEAST OF SAINT PATRICK, MARCH 17

#### **Effects Upon Present Law:**

None.

#### Justification:

A RESOLUTION HONORING THE JOHN F. KENNEDY DIVISION 1 OF THE ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS TOGETHER WITH THE JOHN F. KENNEDY DIVISION 1 OF THE LADIES ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS AND ALL IMMIGRANTS FROM IRELAND AND THEIR DESCENDENTS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF SCHENECTADY ON THE OCCASION OF THE FEAST OF SAINT PATRICK, MARCH 17

Sponsor: The Committee on Rules

Co-Sponsor: Legislators Hughes and McDonald

Date: 3/10/2023 Reference: Rules

**Dual Reference:** 

Initiative: R 11

#### Title of Proposed Resolution:

A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE DUANESBURG BOYS' VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM ON BECOMING SECTION II CLASS C CHAMPIONS AND ON THEIR OUTSTANDING 2023 SEASON

#### Purpose and General Idea:

A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE DUANESBURG BOYS' VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM ON BECOMING SECTION II CLASS C CHAMPIONS AND ON THEIR OUTSTANDING 2023 SEASON

#### **Summary of Specific Provisions:**

A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE DUANESBURG BOYS' VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM ON BECOMING SECTION II CLASS C CHAMPIONS AND ON THEIR OUTSTANDING 2023 SEASON

#### **Effects Upon Present Law:**

None.

#### Justification:

A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE DUANESBURG BOYS' VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM ON BECOMING SECTION II CLASS C CHAMPIONS AND ON THEIR OUTSTANDING 2023 SEASON

Sponsor: The Committee on Rules

Date: 3/10/2023 Reference: Rules

**Dual Reference:** 

Initiative: R 12

#### Title of Proposed Resolution:

A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE DUANESBURG GIRLS' VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM ON BECOMING CLASS C SECTION II CHAMPIONS AND ON THEIR OUTSTANDING 2023 SEASON

#### Purpose and General Idea:

A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE DUANESBURG GIRLS' VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM ON BECOMING CLASS C SECTION II CHAMPIONS AND ON THEIR OUTSTANDING 2023 SEASON

#### **Summary of Specific Provisions:**

A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE DUANESBURG GIRLS' VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM ON BECOMING CLASS C SECTION II CHAMPIONS AND ON THEIR OUTSTANDING 2023 SEASON

#### **Effects Upon Present Law:**

None.

#### Justification:

A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE DUANESBURG GIRLS' VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM ON BECOMING CLASS C SECTION II CHAMPIONS AND ON THEIR OUTSTANDING 2023 SEASON

Sponsor: The Committee on Rules

Date: 3/10/2023 Reference: Rules

**Dual Reference:** 

Initiative: R 13

#### Title of Proposed Resolution:

A RESOLUTION HONORING SCHENECTADY COUNTY DIRECTOR OF VETERANS SERVICE AGENCY WILLIAM FRANK JR. FOR HIS SERVICE AND COMMITMENT TO OUR COUNTY AND TO THE RESIDENTS OF SCHENECTADY COUNTY

#### Purpose and General Idea:

A RESOLUTION HONORING SCHENECTADY COUNTY DIRECTOR OF VETERANS SERVICE AGENCY WILLIAM FRANK JR. FOR HIS SERVICE AND COMMITMENT TO OUR COUNTY AND TO THE RESIDENTS OF SCHENECTADY COUNTY

#### **Summary of Specific Provisions:**

A RESOLUTION HONORING SCHENECTADY COUNTY DIRECTOR OF VETERANS SERVICE AGENCY WILLIAM FRANK JR. FOR HIS SERVICE AND COMMITMENT TO OUR COUNTY AND TO THE RESIDENTS OF SCHENECTADY COUNTY

#### Effects Upon Present Law:

None.

#### Justification:

A RESOLUTION HONORING SCHENECTADY COUNTY DIRECTOR OF VETERANS SERVICE AGENCY WILLIAM FRANK JR. FOR HIS SERVICE AND COMMITMENT TO OUR COUNTY AND TO THE RESIDENTS OF SCHENECTADY COUNTY

Sponsor: The Committee on Rules

Date: 3/10/2023 Reference: Rules

**Dual Reference:** 

Initiative: R 14

#### Title of Proposed Resolution:

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING LOCAL LAW NO. A OF 2023

#### Purpose and General Idea:

To adopt Proposed Local Law A of 2023 entitled "A LOCAL LAW REGARDING TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR MEMBERS OF VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANIES OR VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE SERVICES"

#### **Summary of Specific Provisions:**

Adopts Proposed Local Law A of 2023 entitled "A LOCAL LAW REGARDING TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR MEMBERS OF VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANIES OR VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE SERVICES"

#### Effects Upon Present Law:

None.

#### Justification:

Adopts Proposed Local Law A of 2023 as Local Law 1 of 2023.

Sponsor: The Committee on Rules



#### PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 1-23

#### **COUNTY OF SCHENECTADY**

Introduced by Legislators Constantine and Jasenski:

### A LOCAL LAW REGARDING TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR MEMBERS OF VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANIES OR VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE SERVICES

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

Section 1. Subdivision A of Section 345.01 (entitled Exemption) of Chapter 345 of the Codified Local Laws of Schenectady County (entitled Tax: Real Property — Tax Exemptions for Members of Volunteer Fire Companies or Volunteer Ambulance Services) is REPEALED and a new subdivision A of section 345.01 of Chapter 345 is added as follows:

A. Pursuant to section 466-a of the New York State Real Property Tax Law, real property owned by an enrolled member, or enrolled member and spouse, of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service shall be exempt from taxation by the County of Schenectady to the extent of 10% of the assessed value of such property for county purposes, exclusive of special assessments.

Section 2. Subparagraph 4 of subdivision B of section 345.01 (entitled Exemption) of Chapter 345 of the Codified Local Laws of Schenectady County (entitled Tax: Real Property – Tax Exemptions for Members of Volunteer Fire Companies or Volunteer Ambulance Services) is REPEALED and a new Subparagraph 4 of subdivision B of section 345.01 is added as follows:

4. The person applying for the exemption has been certified by the authority having jurisdiction for the incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or voluntary ambulance service as an enrolled member of such incorporated volunteer

fire company, fire department, or voluntary ambulance service for at least two years. For County purposes, the procedure for certification by the appropriate authority shall be determined by the assessors designated by the respective municipalities, school districts or fire districts;

- Section 3. Subdivision C of Section 345.01 (entitled Exemption) of Chapter 345 of the Codified Local Laws of Schenectady County (entitled Tax: Real Property Tax Exemptions for Members of Volunteer Fire Companies or Volunteer Ambulance Services) is REPEALED and a new subdivision C of section 345.01 of Chapter 345 is added as follows:
- C. On or after the effective date of this local law, any enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service who accrues more than twenty years of active service and is so certified by the authority having jurisdiction for the incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or incorporated voluntary ambulance service shall be granted the ten percent exemption for the remainder of his or her life as long as his or her primary residence is located within Schenectady County.
- Section 4. Subdivision D of Section 345.01 (entitled Exemption) of Chapter 345 of the Codified Local Laws of Schenectady County (entitled Tax: Real Property Tax Exemptions for Members of Volunteer Fire Companies or Volunteer Ambulance Services) is REPEALED and a new subdivision D of section 345.01 of Chapter 345 is added as follows:
- D. Application for such exemption shall be filed with the assessor designated by the municipality, school district, and/or fire district on or before the taxable status date on a form as prescribed by the Commissioner of the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance.
- Section 5. New Subdivisions F and G are added to section 345.01 (entitled Exemption schedule) of Chapter 345 of the Codified Local Laws of Schenectady County (entitled Tax: Real Property Tax Exemptions for Members of Volunteer Fire Companies or Volunteer Ambulance Services) to read as follows:
- F. Un-remarried spouses of enrolled volunteer firefighters or volunteer ambulance workers killed in the line of duty may continue the ten percent exemption, or reinstate a pre-existing exemption, provided that:

- 1. Such un-remarried spouse is certified by the authority having jurisdiction for the incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service as an un-remarried spouse of an enrolled member of such incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service who was killed in the line of duty; and
- 2. <u>Such deceased volunteer had been an enrolled member for at least five years; and</u>
- 3. <u>Such deceased volunteer had been receiving the exemption prior to his or her death.</u>
- G. Un-remarried spouses of deceased enrolled volunteer firefighters or volunteer ambulance workers may continue the ten percent exemption, or reinstate a preexisting exemption, provided that:
  - 1. Such un-remarried spouse is certified by the authority having jurisdiction for the incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service as an un-remarried spouse of a deceased enrolled member of such incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service; and
  - 2. Such deceased volunteer had been an enrolled member for at least twenty years; and
  - 3. Such deceased volunteer and un-remarried spouse had been receiving the exemption for such property prior to the death of such volunteer.

Section 6. This law shall take effect after its final adoption, filing and publication in accordance with section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law and section 2.12 of the Charter of the County of Schenectady.

Date: 3/10/2023 Reference: Rules

Dual Reference:

Initiative: R 15

#### Title of Proposed Resolution:

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SCHENECTADY COUNTY AGRICULTURAL AND FARMLAND PROTECTION BOARD REGARDING PARCELS TO BE ADDED TO AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT NUMBER 1

#### Purpose and General Idea:

Adopts the recommendations of the Schenectady County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board regarding Agricultural District 1.

#### **Summary of Specific Provisions:**

Adopts the recommendations of the Schenectady County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board regarding Agricultural District 1 with the following modifications:

the following parcels should be included within the Schenectady County Agricultural District:

<u>Town</u>	<u>S/B/L</u>	Owner
Glenville	4.4-2.9 & 4.4-2-8	Stephen & Cait Kunze
Princetown	362-5.11	Pierre & Theresa Gauthier
Glenville	61-10.11 & 62-5.11	William &Kristina Schultz

#### Effects Upon Present Law:

None.

#### Justification:

In conformance with the provisions of section 303-b of the Agriculture and Markets Law, this Governing Body conducted a public hearing in the Legislative Chambers in the County Office Building, 620 State Street, Schenectady, New York on the 6th day of March, 2023 at 7:00 pm for the purpose of hearing all interested persons on the recommendations of the Schenectady County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board to include the aforesaid parcels in the Schenectady County Agricultural District

Sponsor: The Committee on Rules

### COUNTY OF SCHENECTADY



RORY FLUMAN
COUNTY MANAGER

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY MANAGER
620 STATE STREET
SCHENECTADY, NEW YORK 12305

TELEPHONE: (518) 388-4355 FAX: (518) 388-4590

To:

Honorable Chairperson and Members of the Legislature

From:

Rory Fluman, County Manager '/.

CC:

Geoffrey T. Hall, Clerk of the Legislature Alissa Foster, Deputy Clerk of the Legislature

Ray Gillen, Commissioner of Economic Development and Planning

Stephen Feeney, Planner

Date:

February 3, 2022

Re:

Call for a Public Hearing Regarding Proposed Agricultural Districts

Attached is a memorandum from Ray Gillen, Commissioner of Economic Development and Planning, and Stephen Feeney, Planner, requesting a call for a public hearing on three proposed applications, two in the Town of Glenville and one in the Town of Princetown.

The first application in the Town of Glenville involves two parcels that total 16.7 acres. The owners of those parcels operate an aquaculture/aquaponic farm with plans for kitchen to make baked goods and retail space to sell said goods and other farm products. The other application in the Town of Glenville involves another two parcels that total 145 acres, on which the owners have livestock, grow hay, and vegetables, and harvest timber. The application in the Town of Princetown involves only one parcel that totals 92.1 acres which is currently be rented to a farmer with livestock.

The County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board has already reviewed the requests and recommended the lands' inclusion in the County's Agricultural District. Before these can be included, the County Legislature must set a public hearing in accordance with NYS Agricultural and Markets Law.

I recommend your approval.



## County of Schenectady

**NEW YORK** 

Ray Gillen
Commissioner

## DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

(518) 386-2225 FAX (518) 382-5539 Schaffer Heights, 107 Nott Terrace, Suite 303 Schenectady, New York 12308

## Memo

To:

Rory Fluman

From:

Ray Gillen & Stephen Feeney

Re:

30-Day Annual Review Period

Schenectady County Agricultural District

Date:

January 17, 2023

The County received three applications in 2022 under the annual 30-day review period (which takes place in December) for inclusion in the Schenectady County Agricultural District. There are two applications with property located in the Town of Glenville (Kunze & Schultz) and one application in Princetown (Gauthier). Attached is a summary report of the parcels.

In Glenville, Stephen and Cait Kunze owns two parcels totaling 16.7 acres. They are operating a start-up aquaculture/aquaponic farm. They also plan to have a kitchen certified as a C20 kitchen under NYS Department of Agriculture and Market for making meals and baked goods and they plan on having a retail space for baked goods and other farm products. William and Kristina Schultz own two parcels totaling 145 acres where they have livestock, grow hay and vegetables and harvest timber.

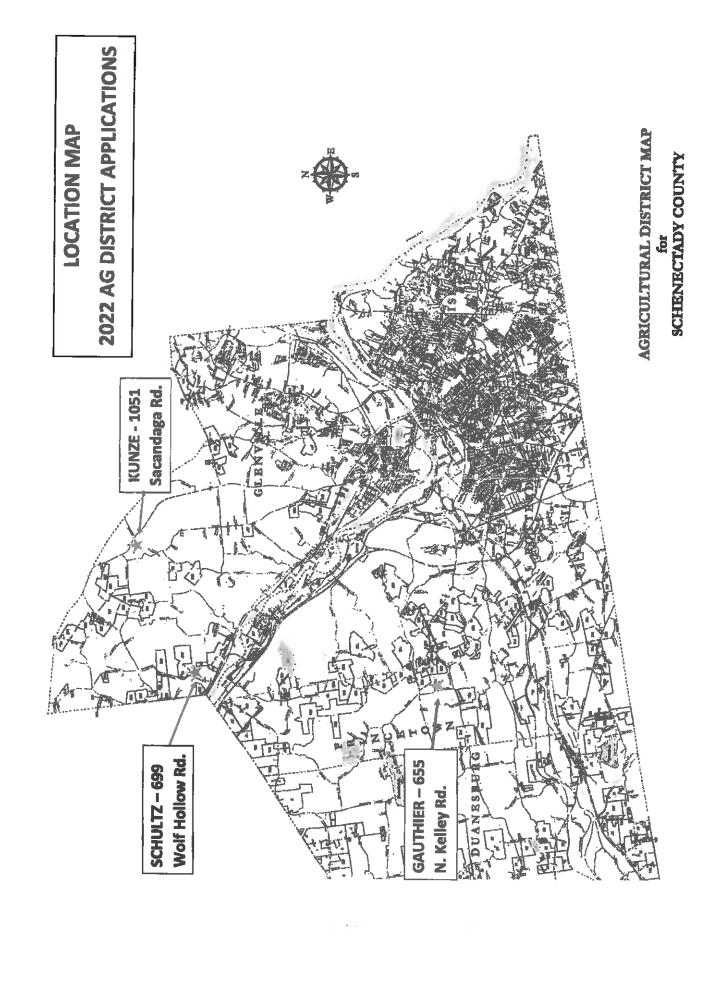
In Princetown, Pierre and Theresa Gauthier have one parcel totaling 92.1 acres. The parcel is rented to a start-up farmer who has livestock.

Attached is a location map for the applications and individual maps of the three properties in question.

The County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board (AFPB) reviewed the requests and recommended inclusion of the parcels in the County Agricultural District.

In accordance with NYS Agricultural and Markets Law, after receiving the recommendation of the AFPB, the County Legislature must hold a public hearing on the proposed Agricultural District. We are requesting that the Legislature set a public hearing to consider the recommendation from the AFPB to include the three applications (five parcels) in the district.

Please let me know if you have any questions.



## Schenectady County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board Annual Thirty-day Review Applications (December 2022)

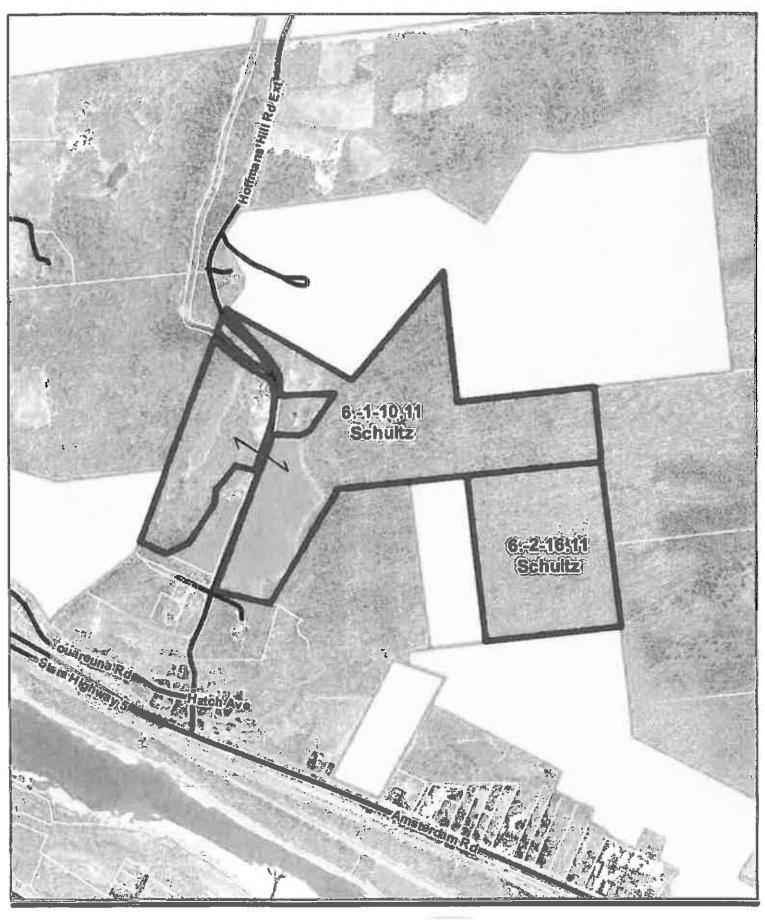
Below is a chart showing the parcels associated with the three applications received in 2022 under the annual 30-day review period for inclusion in the Schenectady County Agricultural District. In Glenville, the Kunze application involves two parcels totaling 16.7 acres where they operate a start-up aquaculture/aquaponic farm. The Schultz application includes two parcels totaling 145 acres where they have livestock, grow hay and vegetables and harvest timber.

In Princetown, the Gauthier application has one parcel totaling 92.1 acres that is rented to a startup farmer who has livestock.

Table 1. Schenectady Agricultural District 2022 Applications

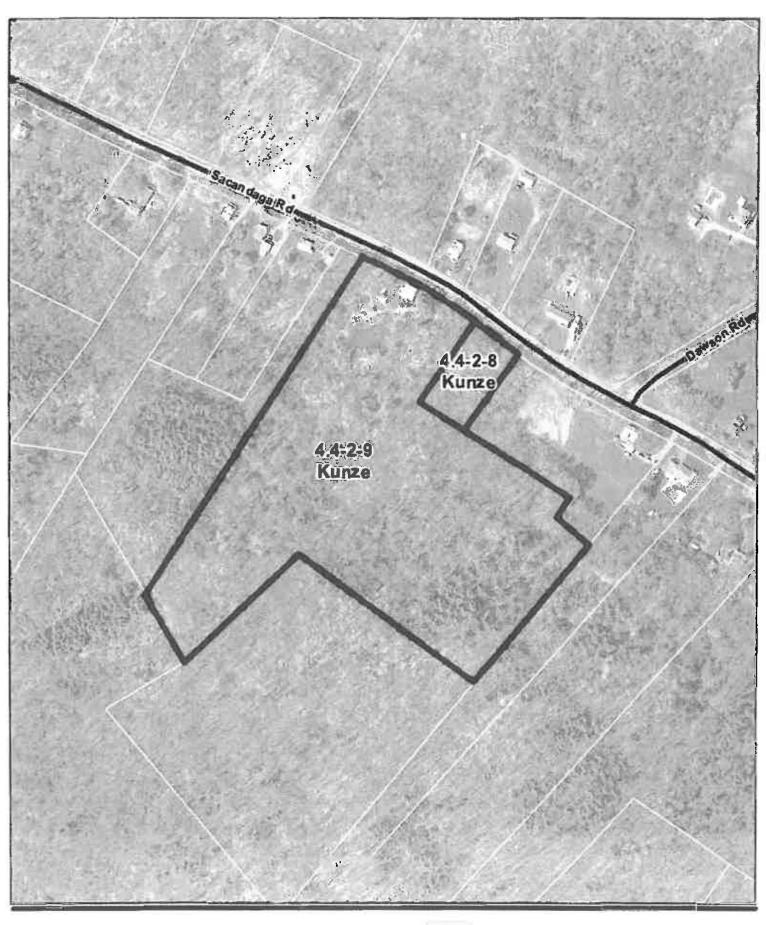
			NAME	NAME		ACRES	ACRES
	TOWN	TAX ID#	LAST	FIRST	STATUS	OWNED	RENTED
	Glenville	4.4-2-9 & 4.4-	Kunze	Stephen &	Farmer	16.7	0
	_	2-8		Cait			i
1	Glenville	61-10.11 &	Schultz	William &	Farmer	145	0
*.		62-16.11		Kristina			
	Princetown	362-5.11	Gauthier	Plerre &	Non-	92.1	0
				Theresa	farmer		

The County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board recommended inclusion of the parcels in the County Agricultural District.



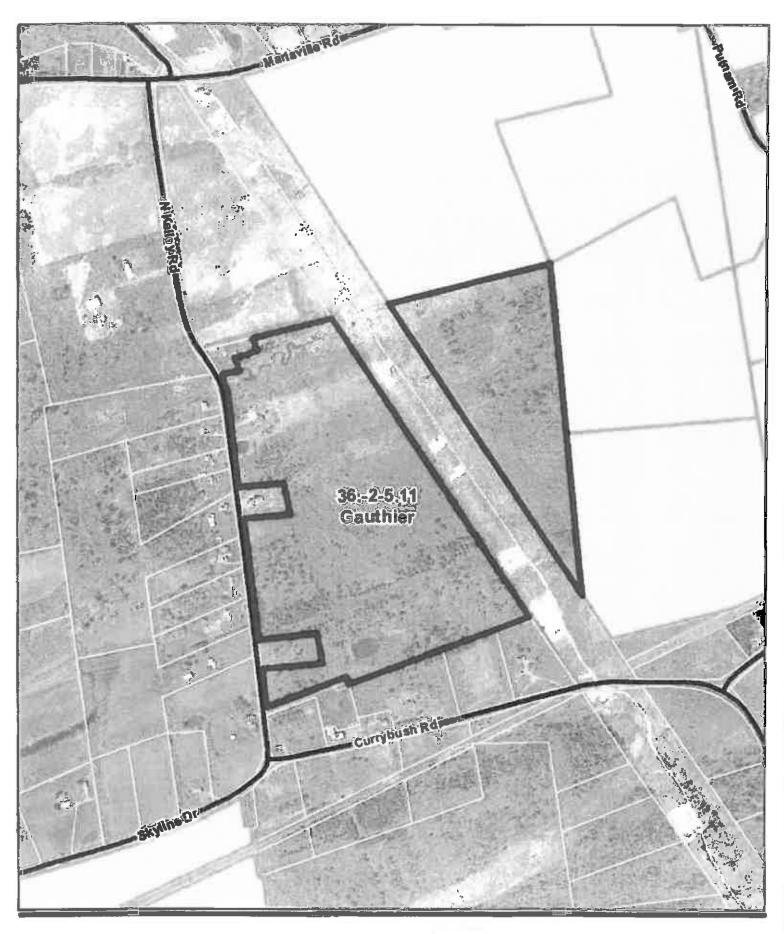
Parcel# 6.-1-10.11 & 6.-2-16.11 Town of Glenville- Wolf Hollow Rd





Parcel# 4.4-2-8 & 4.4-2-9
Town of Glenville- Sacandaga Rd





Parcel# 36.-2-5.11
Town of Princetown- N. Kelley Rg

New Agricultural District Parcels

Existing Agricultural District Parcels

Date: 3/10/2023 Reference: Rules

**Dual Reference:** 

**Initiative:** R 16

#### Title of Proposed Resolution:

A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE ACCEPTANCE OF MONIES FROM THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY AND CITY HEALTH OFFICIALS

#### Purpose and General Idea:

Provides authorization to accept funding from the National Association of County and City Health Officials for the Certification in Infection Control Scholarship

#### **Summary of Specific Provisions:**

Authorizes the acceptance of \$2,500 in funding from the National Association of County and City Health Officials for the Certification in Infection Control Scholarship. This funding can be used for the reimbursement of expenses that occurred between March 2, 2023 and June 30, 2023. Exam registration, study materials, membership fees, and associated travel costs for trainings or courses are all expenses that are reimbursable.

#### **Effects Upon Present Law:**

The Department of Finance provides the following amendment to the 2023 Operating Budget in Public Health Services to accommodate scholarship funding from the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) for County Public Health staff to obtain certification in infection control.

\$2.500

#### Establish and Increase Revenue Code By:

111 10121100701	To bollolarship	\$2,500
Increase Expenditure Code By:		
A544012.413001	Dues	\$645
A544012.43000	Office Supplies	\$250
A544012.445002	Seminars/Conferences	\$1,605

NACCHO Scholarshin

I recommend that this budget amendment be presented to the Schenectady County Legislature for consideration.

#### Justification:

A14012.168901

This funding will support staff members in becoming certified in infection control and will allow SCPHS to heighten disease control efforts in the community.

#### Sponsor: The Committee on Rules

#### Co-Sponsor:

#### **LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE FORM**

### COUNTY OF SCHENECTADY



RORY FLUMAN COUNTY MANAGER

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To:

Honorable Chairperson and Members of the Legislature

From:

Rory Fluman, County Manager

CC:

Geoffrey T. Hall, Clerk of the Legislature

Alissa Foster, Deputy Clerk of the Legislature

Keith Brown, Public Health Director Jaclyn Falotico, Commissioner of Finance

Date:

March 10, 2023

RE:

Authorization to Accept Funding from the National Association of County and

City Health Officials for the Certification in Infection Control Scholarship

Attached is a memorandum from Keith Brown, Public Health Director, requesting authorization to accept scholarship funding from the National Association of County and City Health Officials, which will support SCPHS staff in becoming certified in infection control. The funding is in the amount of \$2,500 and can be used for the reimbursement of expenses occurred from March 2, 2023 through June 30, 2023. Exam registration, study materials, membership fees, and associated travel costs for trainings or courses are expenses that are reimbursable. As Mr. Brown indicates, having staff members be certified in infection control will allow SCPHS to heighten disease control efforts in the community.

The attached memorandum from Jaclyn Falotico, Commissioner of Finance, details the necessary budget amendment.

I recommend your approval.

## SCHENECTADY COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES INTER-OFFICE MEMO

2023

TO:

Rory Fluman, County Manager

From:

Keith Brown, Public Health Director

RE:

Legislative Action - March Legislative Meeting

Requesting Legislative approval to accept funding from NACCHO for

certification in infection control

Copies:

Jaclyn Falotico, Commissioner of Finance

Shane Bargy, Deputy County Manager

Date:

3/7/2023

#### Dear Rory,

Schenectady County Public Health Services has been awarded funding from the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) for SCPHS staff members to become certified in infection control. Through this funding, we may request reimbursement for up to \$2,500 for expenses incurred between now and June 30, 2023. Reimbursable costs include registration for the exam, reference books and other study materials, practice exam costs, membership fees for the Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC), and registration and associated travel costs for trainings or courses to prepare for the exam.

Infection prevention competencies assessed during this certification exam include identification of infectious disease process; surveillance and epidemiologic investigation; preventing and controlling the transmission of infectious agents; and education and research. Having staff members certified in infection control will enhance our disease control efforts in the community.

I am requesting Legislative approval to accept these funds to enhance our public health efforts in Schenectady County. I have attached the materials received from NACCHO for your review. Thank you for your assistance with this request.

Sincerely,

Keith Brown, MPH Interim Public Health Director

County of Schenectady 620 State Street, 3rd Floor, Schenectady, N. Y. 12305 (518) 388-4260 (518) 388-4248 Fax



\$645

# Memo

TO:

Rory Fluman, County Manager

FROM:

Jaclyn Falotico, Commissioner of Finance

DATE:

March 9, 2023

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SUBJECT:

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Budget Amendment - National Association of County and City Health Officials -

Infection Control Certification - Public Health Services

The Department of Finance provides the following amendment to the 2023 Operating Budget in Public Health Services to accommodate scholarship funding from the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) for County Public Health staff to obtain certification in infection control.

#### Establish and Increase Revenue Code By:

Dues

A14012.100901	NACCHO Scholarship	<u>\$2,500</u>
Increase Expenditure (	Code By:	
A544012.413001	Dues	\$615

A544012,43000 Office Supplies \$250

A544012.445002 Seminars/Conferences \$1,605

1 recommend that this budget amendment be presented to the Schenectady County Legislature for consideration.

#### [Organizational letterhead]

#### [Date]

Christina Baum, MPH
Director, Infectious Disease
National Association of County & City Health Officials (NACCHO)
1201 I St. NW, 4th Floor
Washington, DC 20005
Phone: (202) 507-4204; Fax: (202) 280-1403
cbaum@naccho.org

Dear Christina Baum:

[Name of applicant] is a committed partner of the CIC Scholarship project. Our goal is to increase the capacity of local health departments in infection prevention and control. NACCHO, in partnership with CDC created this scholarship opportunity to support their staff in obtaining Certification in Infection Control (CIC) or a-IPC (Associate – Infection Prevention and Control) entry-level certification.

As a committed partner to the project, we will work with NACCHO to complete the project activities specified in the application instructions, including:

- Submitting reimbursement for eligible staff up to \$2,500 for exam fees and study materials (including books, membership fees, and/or training courses). Staff must register for the exam, and all reimbursable expenses must be incurred by June 30, 2023 (the exam itself can be taken after this date but needs to be within 90 days of CBIC confirmation of eligibility).
- Scholarship recipients will be expected to provide feedback on the certification process and demonstrate the impact of certification to NACCHO to inform future project activities supporting local health departments in Infection prevention and control.

We are dedicated to building infection control and prevention capacity through partnership with NACCHO and look forward to continued collaboration!

Sincerely,
[Signature]

[Name, title, and organization of the representatives from the applicant that signed the letter]

Commented [JA1]: Note: Please add information specific to your LHD where there is yellow highlighting.

Note: Please email a completed version of this letter of commitment to <u>infectiousdiseases@naccho.org</u>. The completed letter of commitment must be sent to NACCHO as a PDF.

Commented [JA2]: Please change amount based on what was specified in your acceptance email.

#### Keith M. Brown

To:

Keith M. Brown

Subject:

FW: CIC Scholarship Application

Attachments:

CIC Scholarship\_Sample Letter Of Commitment to Complete.docx; MyNACCHO and VC

Slides.pptx

From: Infectious Diseases < <a href="mailto:ldiseases@naccho.org">ldiseases@naccho.org</a> Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2023 12:19:12 PM

Cc: Infectious Diseases < Idiseases@naccho.org>

Subject: CIC Scholarship Application

CAUTION: This email originated from outside your organization. Exercise caution when opening attachments or clicking links, especially from unknown senders.

Dear Colleagues,

Congratulations! NACCHO is pleased to inform you that your organization has been selected to receive a scholarship to support local health department staff certification in infection control.

Through this scholarship, you may request reimbursement for up to \$2,500 for your health department for expenses incurred between today's date and June 30, 2023. Reimbursable costs include registration for the exam, reference books and other study materials, practice exam costs, membership fees for the Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC), and registration and associated travel costs for trainings or courses to prepare for the exam. Note: If those trainings or courses are conducted through a university, additional documentation will be required.

If you wish to accept this scholarship opportunity, please complete the attached Acceptance of Award form and submit it in response to this email by <u>5:00 PM ET on Friday, March 17, 2023</u>. Accepting this opportunity entails your agreement to provide feedback on the certification process and demonstrated impact of certification to NACCHO to inform future project activities supporting local health departments in infection prevention and control. If you are unable to accept the award, please let us know immediately so another site may be selected instead.

We have created a community on <u>NACCHO's Virtual Communities Platform</u> that we encourage you to join to discuss with other local health departments any questions or challenges that come up as you prepare for the exam, and to ask questions of NACCHO staff about the reimbursement process (and see already asked and answered questions). You will need your (free) MyNACCHO login to access the community, and once you are logged in, you can search for <u>CIC Scholarship Community</u>. See attached for a guide to Virtual Communities that can address any questions you may have.

Congratulations again, and we look forward to working with you! Thank you for your patience as we reviewed the applications, there was a high level of interest in this opportunity. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Regards,

NACCHO's Emerging Infectious Disease Team

Date: 3/10/2023 Reference: Rules

**Dual Reference:** 

Initiative: R 17

#### Title of Proposed Resolution:

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE TO APPROVE A SPECIAL LAW TO EXTEND THE AUTHORITY OF SCHENECTADY COUNTY TO ENACT THE "2023 SCHENECTADY COUNTY HOMEOWNERS \$250 REBATE PROGRAM"

#### Purpose and General Idea:

Requests the New York State Legislature to approve a special law to extend the authority of Schenectady County to enact the "2023 Schenectady County Homeowners \$250 rebate Program."

#### **Summary of Specific Provisions:**

The wise and prudent management of County resources over the past several years has allowed the County to maintain a healthy "rainy day" fund for use in challenging financial times. The current economic climate poses challenges to our residents, and as such, the County Legislature amended the 2023 County budget to establish the "2023 Schenectady County Homeowners \$250 Rebate Program" in order to provide relief to property taxpayers. The proposed program would establish the eligibility for the program based on eligibility the NYS Basic, Enhanced, & Credit STAR programs. The fiscal impact of the initiative will be \$9,000,000 and will provide rebates to the owners of approximately 34,500 parcels.

The New York State Senate has introduced Senate Bill 5607 and the New York State Assembly has introduced Assembly Bill 5346 which would provide authority of Schenectady County to enact the "2023 Schenectady County Homeowners \$250 rebate Program."

#### **Effects Upon Present Law:**

None.

#### Justification:

The New York State Senate has introduced Senate Bill 5607 and the New York State Assembly has introduced Assembly Bill 5346 which would authority of Schenectady County to enact the "2023 Schenectady County Homeowners \$250 rebate Program."

Sponsor: The Committee on Rules

#### A5346 Santabarbara Same as S 5607 BRESLIN

Real Property Taxation

TITLE....Provides for a taxpayer assistance authorization for households in the county of Schenectady 03/07/23 referred to real property taxation

#### SANTABARBARA

Provides for a taxpayer assistance authorization for households in the county of Schenectady; provides for a \$250 rebate for property owners in Schenectady county with a qualifying basic STAR or enhanced STAR exemption.

#### STATE OF NEW YORK

5346

2023-2024 Regular Sessions

#### IN ASSEMBLY

March 7, 2023

Introduced by M. of A. SANTABARBARA -- read once and referred to the Committee on Real Property Taxation

AN ACT providing for a taxpayer assistance authorization for households in the county of Schenectady

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

- Section 1. Taxpayer assistance authorization for the county of Schenectady. 1. Generally. a. Notwithstanding any provision of any general, special or local law to the contrary, the county of Schenectady is hereby authorized and empowered to adopt and amend local laws in accordance with this section to grant a taxpayer assistance payment to all eligible households within the geographic limits of the county for the county fiscal year 2023 in an amount not to exceed two hundred fifty dollars. No such local law may be adopted unless, as originally adopted, it authorizes such payment to be made in accordance with this section. Any payment authorized by local law in accordance with this section shall be paid in the county fiscal year in which this authorization is granted.
- b. Such tax assistance payment shall be paid to a property owner within the geographic limits of the county of Schenectady who has a qualifying basic STAR or enhanced STAR exemption on his or her property under section 425 of the real property tax law.
- 2. Eligibility requirements. a. To qualify for the rebate pursuant to subdivision one of this section the resident must have lived within the county of Schenectady and been an owner with a qualifying basic STAR or enhanced STAR exemption on December 31, 2022.
- 20 b. The recipient of such tax assistance payment shall not be in 21 arrears in the payment of taxes, charges or assessments due and owing to 22 the county.
- § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in <u>italics</u> (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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#### NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF LEGISLATION submitted in accordance with Assembly Rule III, Sec 1(f)

**BILL NUMBER:** A5346

SPONSOR: Santabarbara

#### TITLE OF BILL:

An act providing for a taxpayer assistance authorization for households in the county of Schenectady

#### PURPOSE OR GENERAL IDEA OF BILL:

This bill authorizes Schenectady County to grant a \$250 taxpayer assistance payment to all property owners with a qualifying STAR or enhanced STAR exemption.

#### SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS:

Section 1, subsection a: authorizes Schenectady County to adopt and amend local laws to grant a taxpayer assistance payment to property owners in the County not to exceed two hundred fifty dollars for the fiscal year 2023.

Section 1, subsection b: sets the eligibility requirement to property owners within the geographic limits of the County receiving STAR or enhanced STAR exemptions.

Section 2, subsection a: sets a requirement that to qualify for the rebate you must have lived within the county of Schenectady and been an owner with qualifying basic STAR or an enhanced STAR exemption on December 31, 2022.

Section 2, subsection b: sets a requirement that the recipient of the payment shall not be in arrears in the payment of taxes, charges or assessments due and owing to the county.

#### JUSTIFICATION:

This bill will authorize Schenectady County to provide property tax relief to property owners in Schenectady County who may still be dealing with the negative economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and related inflation and higher costs.

#### PRIOR LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

None.

#### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS FOR STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

None to the state. Funds have been approved in the Schenectady County budget.

EFFECTIVE DATE:
This act shall take effect immediately.

Date: 3/10/2023 Reference: Rules

Dual Reference:

Initiative: R 18

#### Title of Proposed Resolution:

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE TO APPROVE A SPECIAL LAW TO EXTEND THE AUTHORITY OF SCHENECTADY COUNTY TO IMPOSE AN ADDITIONAL SALES AND COMPENSATING USE TAX OF ONE-HALF OF ONE PERCENT

#### Purpose and General Idea:

Requests the New York State Legislature to approve a special law to extend the authority of Schenectady County to impose an additional sales and compensating use tax of one-half of one percent.

#### **Summary of Specific Provisions:**

Requests the New York State Legislature to approve a special law to extend the authority of Schenectady County to impose an additional sales and compensating use tax of one-half of one percent.

#### Effects Upon Present Law:

The Department of Finance recommends that the Schenectady County Legislature take necessary action to effectuate the authorization for the County to continue to impose and collect additional sales and compensating use tax in the amount of one-half of one percent (.50%). The County's sales tax extender was introduced as legislation A5345 in the State Assembly and S5606 in the State Senate.

The sales tax extension of .50% is critical to the County to offset costs associated with the delivery of County services and unfunded State mandates which would otherwise be borne by the County's real property taxpayers. The 2023 Adopted Budget assumes that the sales tax extension will be in effect for the 2023 calendar year.

I recommend that the County Legislature take the necessary steps to authorize the continued imposition of the .50% sales tax.

#### Justification:

The current New York State authorization for the County to impose an additional one half of one percent sales tax expires on November 30, 2023.

Revenues received from this one half of one percent tax generate more than eleven and a half million and is included in the 2023 County Budget. The New York State Senate has introduced Senate Bill 5606 and the New York State Assembly has introduced Assembly Bill 5345 which would extend the one half of one percent tax rate.

Sponsor: The Committee on Rules

### COUNTY OF SCHENECTADY



RORY FLUMAN
COUNTY MANAGER

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY MANAGER
620 STATE STREET
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To:

Honorable Chairperson and Members of the Legislature

From:

Rory Fluman, County Manager

CC:

Geoffrey T. Hall, Clerk of the Legislature Alissa Foster, Deputy Clerk of the Legislature Jaclyn Falotico, Commissioner of Finance

Date:

March 10, 2023

Re:

1/2% Home Rule Sales Tax Extension

8% is the total Sales Tax in Schenectady County. 4% of this goes directly to the State of New York. 3% is subject to the Sales Tax Agreement between the City and County, ½% solely goes to Meteroplex which has a partial distribution to all municipalities in the County, and the final ½% by Home Rule State Law must go to the County. This final ½% sales tax portion is critical to the county to offset state mandated services that otherwise would be borne by property taxpayers.

Attached is a memorandum from Jaclyn Falotico, Commissioner of Finance, further explaining the County Legislature's necessary steps to authorize the continued imposition of the Home Rule ½% Sales tax extension.

I recommend your approval on this action.

County of Schenectady 620 State Street, 3rd Floor Schenectady, N. Y. 12305 (518) 388-4260 (518) 388-4248 Fax



# Memo

TO:

Rory Fluman, County Manager

FROM:

Jaclyn Falotico, Commissioner of Finance

DATE:

March 9, 2023

SUBJECT:

Sales Tax Extension

The Department of Finance recommends that the Schenectady County Legislature take necessary action to effectuate the authorization for the County to continue to impose and collect additional sales and compensating use tax in the amount of one-half of one percent (.50%). The County's sales tax extender was introduced as legislation A5345 in the State Assembly and S5606 in the State Senate.

The sales tax extension of .50% is critical to the County to offset costs associated with the delivery of County services and unfunded State mandates which would otherwise be borne by the County's real property taxpayers. The 2023 Adopted Budget assumes that the sales tax extension will be in effect for the 2023 calendar year.

I recommend that the County Legislature take the necessary steps to authorize the continued imposition of the .50% sales tax.

#### A5345 Santabarbara Same as S 5606 BRESLIN

Tax Lav

TITLE....Relates to the imposition of sales and compensating use tax in Schenectady county 03/07/23 referred to ways and means

#### SANTABARBARA

Amd §1210, Tax L

Relates to the imposition of sales and compensating use tax in Schenectady county; extends such authority until November 30, 2026.

#### STATE OF NEW YORK

5345

2023-2024 Regular Sessions

#### IN ASSEMBLY

March 7, 2023

Introduced by M. of A. SANTABARBARA -- read once and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

AN ACT to amend the tax law, in relation to the imposition of sales and compensating use tax in Schenectady county

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Clause 31 of subparagraph (i) of the opening paragraph of section 1210 of the tax law, as amended by section 1 of item 00 of subpart C of part XXX of chapter 58 of the laws of 2020, is amended to 4 read as follows:

(31) the county of Schenectady is hereby further authorized and empowered to adopt and amend local laws, ordinances or resolutions imposing such taxes at a rate which is one-half of one percent additional to the three percent rate authorized above in this paragraph for such county for the period beginning June first, two thousand three, and ending November thirtieth, two thousand [twenty-three] twenty-six;

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately

EXPLANATION--Matter in  $\underline{italics}$  (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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#### NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF LEGISLATION submitted in accordance with Assembly Rule III, Sec 1(f)

**BILL NUMBER:** A5345

SPONSOR: Santabarbara

#### TITLE OF BILL:

An act to amend the tax law, in relation to the imposition of sales and compensating use tax in Schenectady county

#### PURPOSE OR GENERAL IDEA OF BILL:

This bill would extend Schenectady County's authorization to adopt and amend local laws imposing a 0.5% additional sales tax until 2026.

#### **SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS:**

In section 1, Clause 31 of the opening paragraph section 1210 of the tax law, the expiration of Schenectady County's authorization is to collect an additional 0.5% sales tax is extended until November 30, 2026.

#### JUSTIFICATION:

This bill will extend Schenectady County's existing authorization which currently expires in 2023 until 2026.

#### PRIOR LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

None.

#### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS FOR STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

To be determined.

#### **EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect immediately.