

RESOLUTION

**TO DESIGNATE TOWN BOARD LEAD AGENCY TO REVIEW ENVIRONMENTAL
IMPACTS OF THE PROPOSED LOCAL LAW TO AMEND CHAPTER 140, "ZONING"
OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF NEW PALTZ
(SIMPLIFIED SITE PLAN APPROVAL: FARM OPERATIONS)**

At a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of New Paltz, Ulster County, New York, held at the Town Hall, in New Paltz, New York, in said Town on the ____ day of _____, 2018, at _____ o'clock P.M., Prevailing time.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Bettez, and upon roll being called, the following roll was taken:

| | <u>PRESENT</u> | <u>ABSENT</u> |
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| Supervisor Neil Bettez | _____ | _____ |
| Council Member David Brownstein | _____ | _____ |
| Council Member Daniel Torres | _____ | _____ |
| Council Member Marty Irwin | _____ | _____ |
| Council Member Julie Seyfert-Lillis | _____ | _____ |

The following resolution was offered by Council Member _____ who moved its adoption, seconded by Council Member _____, to wit:

WHEREAS, there has been introduced before the Town Board of the Town of New Paltz, New York, a local law to amend the Code of the Town of New Paltz to Add a New Subparagraph (4) to Subdivision A of Section 140-51.3, which would add provisions for simplified site plan approval for certain farm operations conducted on land that is: (a) located in a zoning district where agriculture is permitted; and (b) has as its principal use a farm as defined in the Section 140 of the Code of the Town of New Paltz to which the proposed farm operations are accessory; and (c) is used in agricultural production as defined in the New York State Agriculture and Markets Law; and (4) is either currently enrolled in an Ulster County agricultural district or is qualified under Ulster County and New York State law for an agricultural exemption by the assessor of the Town of New Paltz; and

WHEREAS, the consideration and adoption of such local law must be reviewed to determine any potential impacts on the surrounding environment as defined by the Environmental Conservation Law in Section 8-0105(6); and

WHEREAS, any project having a potential impact on the environment must have such impact determined by a lead agency pursuant to the State Act and Town Code, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to said State Act and Town Code, a lead agency must be designated to review the proposed project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of New Paltz, pursuant to, and in accordance with, the provisions of Section 617.6 (Initial Review of Actions and Establishing Lead Agency) of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Regulations (6 NYCRR part 617) hereby makes the following determinations and classifications with respect to the Town proposed action:

1. The Town Board hereby makes a preliminary classification of the action as an Unlisted Action upon a finding that the proposed action does not constitute a Type II Action nor does it meet or exceed any of the thresholds for Type I Actions pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.4;

2. The Town Board hereby designates itself lead agency with respect to the action referred to;

3. The Town Board will cause to be prepared a short form Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) and will conduct an uncoordinated review under SEQRA unless and until it determines that the proposed amendment may have a significant adverse impact upon the environment;

4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

| <u>VOTE</u> | <u>AYE</u> | <u>NAY</u> | <u>ABSTAIN</u> |
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| Supervisor Neil Bettez | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Council Member David Brownstein | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Council Member Daniel Torres | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Council Member Marty Irwin | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Council Member Julie Seyfert-Lillis | _____ | _____ | _____ |

The resolution was thereupon duly adopted.