

RESOLUTION

JOIN THE ULSTER COUNTY HOUSING SMART COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE

At a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of New Paltz, Ulster County, New York, held via videoconference in said Town on the __ day of July 2023, 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>
Supervisor Neil Bettez	_____	_____
Council Member Daniel Torres	_____	_____
Council Member Alex Baer	_____	_____
Council Member Esi Lewis	_____	_____
Council Member Julie Seyfert-Lillis	_____	_____

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

WHEREAS, the Town of New Paltz (hereinafter “local government”) believes that rising housing and rental costs and a lack of diverse housing opportunities for all community members pose a significant challenge to the members of our community; and

WHEREAS, affordable housing is defined as housing in which the occupant is paying no more than 30% of monthly or annual income for housing costs, including utilities; and

WHEREAS, ensuring there are affordable housing options for all community members is a key responsibility of the elected officials of the Town/Village/City and a critical component of creating a healthy, sustainable, and prosperous community; and

WHEREAS, rising housing and rental costs and a lack of diverse housing opportunities for all community members is in part due to the demand for housing far exceeding the supply of new affordable and workforce housing being developed in the community; and

WHEREAS, a long-term commitment by the Town/Village/City to review and approve new affordable and workforce housing projects is a critical strategy for ensuring there are affordable housing options for all community members; and

WHEREAS, working toward housing solutions is a priority for the well-being of the local residents, the economy, and community sustainability; and

WHEREAS, we believe that our response to housing challenges provides us with an opportunity to improve housing opportunities and community well-being for all community members, and to build livable, affordable, and housing-smart communities,

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town of New Paltz, in order to meet local housing needs, adopts the following commitments as part of joining the Ulster County Housing Smart Communities Initiative. This commitment includes completing the following six steps:

- 1) Join the program through municipal resolution and begin engaging with the community
- 2) Designate a Housing Smart Community coordinator to serve as a liaison between Ulster County and the municipality
- 3) Form a housing task force or designate an existing official housing-related body of the Town/Village/City to serve as the group committed to the program
- 4) Register for participation in the program on the Housing Smart Communities Initiative website
- 5) Establish a community outreach and educational campaign on the importance of developing a range of housing options
- 6) Begin implementing a prioritized set of the Housing Smart Actions included in the program

<u>VOTE</u>	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Supervisor Neil Bettez	_____	_____	_____
Council Member Daniel Torres	_____	_____	_____
Council Member Alex Baer	_____	_____	_____
Council Member Esi Lewis	_____	_____	_____
Council Member Julie Seyfert-Lillis	_____	_____	_____

The resolution was thereupon duly adopted.

Dated: _____

Rosanna Rosenkranse, Town Clerk