



Tinti, Elisa

From: Noble, Julie
Sent: Thursday, May 2, 2024 11:31 AM
To: Shaut, Andrea
Cc: Tinti, Elisa; Graves-Poller, Barbara; Noble, Steve; Michael Drillinger; laeassoc@gmail.com; Jankowski, Matthew
Subject: Communication to Council re: Community Preservation Plan adoption

Greetings,

I would like to request the placement on the Laws and Rules agenda for May the adoption of the City of Kingston Community Preservation Plan by Local Law, the Establishment of a Community Preservation Fund and Advisory Board by Local Law, and the Establishment of the Real Estate Transfer Tax (RETT) by Local Law and simultaneous SEQRA adoption for all three laws.

You can find all the info about the plan, outreach, mapping, and process at www.engagekingston.com/community-preservation-plan .

In advance of the meeting, I will ensure the draft SEQR documents and Local Laws are circulated. These documents are being finalized by the Corporation Counsel's Office.

Thank you,
Julie

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Tinti, Elisa

From: Shaut, Andrea
Sent: Tuesday, April 23, 2024 1:25 PM
To: Tinti, Elisa
Cc: Scott-Childress, Reynolds
Subject: Fw: Reduction to consider
Attachments: Resolution for NYS legislation.docx

Hi Elisa,

Can you include this email thread and the attachment in my communications folder?

Thanks,

Andrea Shaut

Council President, City of Kingston

From: Scott-Childress, Reynolds <Ward3@kingston-ny.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2024 5:52 PM
To: Shaut, Andrea <ashaut@kingston-ny.gov>
Subject: Reduction to consider

Hi Andrea,

Did I already forward this resolution to you for Council consideration?

If not, could you assign it to a committee?

Best wishes,
Rennie

Reynolds J. Scott-Childress
Alderman, Ward 3, City of Kingston
(845) 392-2919 mobile

[INSERT LEGISLATIVE BODY HERE]

RESOLUTION NO: [INSERT # HERE]

Support for the New York State Assembly and Senate to Pass a Strong Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act (A.5322-A/S.4246-A) and Expand the State's Bottle Bill (A.6353/S.237-B)

WHEREAS, packaging makes up approximately 40 percent of the waste in New York State, and

WHEREAS, managing packaging waste costs New York taxpayers hundreds of million of dollars annually, and

WHEREAS, some packaging is not recyclable and reusable and refillable packaging systems are not readily available, and

WHEREAS, plastic causes serious pollution including litter and use of toxic chemicals, and

WHEREAS, companies that produce packaging should help bear the costs of packaging waste, not just taxpayers and

WHEREAS, enacting the Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act, as drafted in the New York Assembly A.5322-A and the New York Senate S.4246-A, would reduce waste, increase recycling rates, create jobs, reduce toxicity in products, provide millions of dollars in savings for local governments and taxpayers, and lower greenhouse gas emissions, and

WHEREAS, the Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act should work in tandem with and supplement New York State's Returnable Container Act, and

WHEREAS, New York's Returnable Container Act should be modernized to reflect an expanded market of beverages, and the deposit on beverage containers should be increased to 10 cents.

BE IT RESOLVED, that **[INSERT JURISDICTION]** urges the New York State Legislature to pass and Governor Kathy Hochul to sign into law a strong and effective Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act A5322-A/S4246-A, and an expanded and modernized Bottle Bill A.6353/S.237-B, and

RESOLVED, further, That **[INSERT JURISDICTION]** shall forward copies of this resolution to Governor Kathy Hochul, the New York Assembly Speaker and New

York State Senate Majority Leader, [INSERT STATE SENATOR], [INSERT STATE ASSEMBLYMEMBER], and all others deemed necessary and proper.

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Resolution to permit a shared bicycle/ebike/escooter system in the City of Kingston ,NY

Whereas: bicycles and electrically assisted bicycles and scooters (ebikes and scooters) may be operated on the streets and pathways in the City of Kingston and

Whereas: residents and visitors to the City use bicycles, ebikes and scooters as a form of transportation within the City and

Whereas: The City of Kingston Common Council has stated a goal of increasing the number of cyclists for health, environmental, social and economic benefits in the Pedestrian and Bicycle Masterplan, the Climate Action Plan 2030 and the Kingston Comprehensive Plan 2025 and

Whereas: a shared system (rental) of bicycles, ebikes/escooters would meet a need and advance the Comon Council goal by providing another local transportation option to resident and visitor cyclists and:

Whereas: a shared (rental) bicycle, ebike/escooter system must be regulated to ensure it is operated in a safe manner to protect residents and visitors;

Resolved: That the Common Council will allow a regulated system of shared (rental) bicycles, and electrically assisted vehicles to be implemented under a permit issued and administrated by the City administration.

Tinti, Elisa

From: Dennison, Bob
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2024 8:45 AM
To: Shaut, Andrea; Tinti, Elisa
Cc: Hirsch, Michele
Subject: Fwd: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] shared bike resolution
Attachments: Resolution to permit a shared ebike rev5.docx

Madam President-

Please consider this a communication and a request to add this draft resolution to the May Laws and Rules agenda. Thank you.

Bob Dennison

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From: Robert Dennison <radennison3@gmail.com>
Date: Apr 22, 2024 8:21 AM
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] shared bike resolution
To: "Dennison, Bob" <Ward6@kingston-ny.gov>
Cc:

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City of Kingston Common Council Resolution Opposing Delivery Rate Increases by Central Hudson Gas and Electric Corporation

WHEREAS, Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation ("Central Hudson") has applied to the New York State Public Service Commission for increases in its electricity delivery rates and its natural gas delivery rates effective July 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Central Hudson seeks a rate increase for electric delivery charges that would result in an estimated increase of \$30.12 (31.9% increase on the delivery bill, or 16.4% increase on the total bill) for an average residential customer using 660 kWh per month; and

WHEREAS, Central Hudson seeks a rate increase for gas delivery charges that would result in an increase of \$30.13 (29.2% increase on the delivery bill, or 19.0% increase on the total bill) for an average residential customer using 780 Ccf per year; and

WHEREAS, the increases proposed by Central Hudson, if approved, would also lead to similar increases for small businesses; and

WHEREAS, Central Hudson is a regulated transmission and distribution utility serving approximately 309,000 electric customers and 84,000 gas customers in the Mid-Hudson River Valley, including the City of Kingston; and

WHEREAS, customers in a typical home, for owners and renters alike or small business will be experiencing increases in their electric and natural gas delivery bills at a time when many are continuing to experience extraordinary financial hardships due to inflation; and

WHEREAS, based on Public Service Department records, Central Hudson's customers are continuing to experience arrears at a significantly higher level than other New York utilities; and

WHEREAS, documents filed by Central Hudson as part of the utility's rate hike request show that from February 2020 through June 30 of this year, residential customers' arrears greater than 60 days grew by 1,044%, to \$96 million, while non-residential arrears grew by 1,971%, to \$29 million; and

WHEREAS, Central Hudson customers have faced additional stress and financial difficulty due to the utility's billing problems, which are being investigated by the New York Public Service Commission (PSC), under case 22-M-0645, and which have led the PSC to order Central Hudson to "to show cause why the Commission should not commence a proceeding to examine the prudence of the utility's expenses, and/or a

civil penalty action and/or an administrative penalty action, pursuant to Public Service Law §§25 and 25-a, for apparent violations of the Public Service Law, rules and regulations adopted thereto," and

WHEREAS, the Town of Rosendale is identified as a New York State disadvantaged community, including many households that are vulnerable and already subject to economic difficulty;ⁱ

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Town of Rosendale does hereby oppose the rate increases for delivery of electricity and natural gas for which Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation has applied; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of the Resolution be delivered by the Town Clerk to the Hon. Michelle L. Phillips, Secretary, New York State Public Service Commission; the Hon. Patrick Ryan, Representative for the 19th District; the Hon. Kirsten Gillibrand, U.S. Senator for New York; the Hon. Charles Schumer, U.S. Senator for New York; the Hon. Jen Metzger, Ulster County Executive; and to the chief executives of surrounding municipalities served by Central Hudson; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

ⁱ Rosendale is one of disadvantaged communities identified statewide based on the criteria established by the Climate Justice Working Group, as required by the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act.