BUDGET, FINANCE & PERSONNEL
AMENDED ON FLOOR 1/21/2025

RESOLUTION NO. 2025013

RE: REQUESTING HOME RULE LEGISLATION IN THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE AUTHORIZING DUTCHESS COUNTY TO EXTEND THE SALES TAX RATE INCREASE OF 3% TO 3 ¾ % WITH SUCH ¾ OF 1% TO BE USED FOR COUNTY PURPOSES

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WHEREAS, Dutchess County by authority of Chapter 8 of the Laws of 2003, increased the sales tax rate for the period beginning March 1, 2003, and ending November 30, 2005, from 3% to 3 ¾% with such additional ¾ of 1% to be used for County purposes, and

WHEREAS, thereafter, the New York State Legislature extended Dutchess County's authority to impose such sales tax increase, most recently by Chapter 257 of the Laws of 2023, through November 30, 2025, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to such enabling legislation, Dutchess County adopted implementing resolutions imposing that continuation in the sales tax rate from 3% to 3 ¾%, most recently by Resolution 2023168, through November 30, 2025, and

WHEREAS, there are imposed financial mandates that severely strain County resources and are likely to continue to do so into the foreseeable future, and

WHEREAS, the County is required to fund imposed financial mandates, and

WHEREAS, because of those mandates and the current state of the economy, it is necessary for the County to maintain its sources of revenue so it can continue to pay for those mandates and continue to provide other important County services, and

WHEREAS, County services such as road maintenance, public health services and law enforcement are important to the well-being of all people who live in, visit or travel through Dutchess County, and

WHEREAS, it is the determination of this Legislature that it is necessary that the sales tax rate increase from 3% to 3 ¾% with such additional ¾ of 1% to be used for County purposes be extended for an additional period commencing December 1, 2025, and continuing for a period of time not to exceed November 30, 2027, which requires special home rule legislation; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the County of Dutchess hereby requests the New York State Legislature and Governor adopt Legislation permitting Dutchess County to extend the increased sale tax rate as previously authorized from 3% to 3 ¾% with such additional ¾ of 1% to be used for County purposes for an additional period commencing December 1, 2025, and continuing for a period of time not to exceed November 30, 2027, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Dutchess County Legislature request Home Rule Legislation which will permit Dutchess County to continue the sales tax rate from 3% to 3 ¾% with such additional ¾ of 1% to be used for County purposes, as set forth above, and that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Kathy Hochul, Senators Michelle Hinchey and Robert G. Rolison, Assembly Members Jonathan Jacobson, Didi Barrett, Sarahana Shrestha, and Anil R. Beephan, Jr., so they can properly sponsor the appropriate legislation to implement the terms of this resolution.

Fiscal Impact attached

APPROVED
Susan J. Serino
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COUNTY EXECUTIVE
Date 1-22-2025

STATE OF NEW YORK
ss:
COUNTY OF DUTCHESS

This is to certify that I, the undersigned Clerk of the Legislature of the County of Dutchess, have compared the foregoing resolution with the original resolution now on file in the office of said clerk, and which was adopted by said Legislature on the 21st day of January 2025, and that the same is a true and correct transcript of said original resolution and of the whole thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of said Legislature this 21st day of January 2025.

DUTCHESS COUNTY SEAL

LEIGH WAGNER, CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

☐ NO FISCAL IMPACT PROJECTED

APPROPRIATION RESOLUTIONS

(To be completed by requesting department)

Total Current Year Cost $ _____

Total Current Year Revenue $ _____
and Source

Source of County Funds *(check one)*: ☐ Existing Appropriations, ☐ Contingency,
☐ Transfer of Existing Appropriations, ☐ Additional Appropriations, ☐ Other *(explain)*.

Identify Line Items(s):

Related Expenses: Amount $ _____
Nature/Reason:

Anticipated Savings to County: _____

Net County Cost (this year): _____
Over Five Years: _____

Additional Comments/Explanation:
If the ¾ of 1 percent sales tax is not extended beyond the November 30, 2025 expiration date, the County would lose 1 month in 2025 estimated at $4.5 million and a full year loss in 2026 estimated to be at least $53.6 million.

Prepared by: Leigh Wager Prepared On: 01-09-2025

Majority Leader Houston, duly seconded by Assistant Majority Leader Polasek, moved the foregoing resolution. Discussion on Resolution No. 2025013 proceeded as follows:

Legislator Kaul requested what mandates would be funded by the sales tax extension and how would they be tracked.

Assistant Minority Leader Atkins made a motion, duly seconded by Legislator Kearney, to amend the resolution to strike the words

~~"WHEREAS, because of those mandates and the current state of the economy, it is necessary for the County to maintain its sources of revenue so it can continue to pay for those State mandates and continue to provide other important County services, and"~~

At this time Chairman Truitt entertained a motion from the floor, which was seconded and carried, for a Republican Caucus.

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Assistant Minority Leader Atkins withdrew the foregoing amendment.

Assistant Minority Leader Atkins made a motion, duly seconded by Legislator Kaul, to amend the resolution as follows:

"WHEREAS, ~~New York State~~ **there are** imposed financial mandates **that** severely strain County resources and are likely to continue to do so into the foreseeable future, and

WHEREAS, the County is required ~~by law~~ to fund ~~the State~~ imposed financial mandates, and

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Legislator Drago requested how many mandates were funded and how many were unfunded.

Roll call on the foregoing amendment resulted as follows:

AYES:	21	Atkins, Brendli, Caswell, D'Aquanni, Drago, Faust, Garito, Gorman, House, Houston, Kaul, Kearney, Lawler, McHoul, Metzger, Munn, Paoloni, Polasek, Rolison, Travelpiece, and Truitt
NAYS:	0	
ABSENT:	4	Johnson, Page, Valdés Smith, and Versaci

Amendment adopted.

Roll call on the foregoing resolution resulted as follows:

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NAYS:	1	Drago
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Resolution adopted.

Budget, Finance, and Personnel Committee Roll Call

District	*Name*	*Yes*	*No*
District 7 - Hyde Park and Pleasant Valley	Truitt*	✓	
District 25 - Amenia, Washington, Pleasant Valley & Millbrook	Houston*		
District 3 - LaGrange	Polasek*		
District 16 - Fishkill and Beacon	Valdés Smith*		
District 9 - City of Poughkeepsie	Atkins*		
District 2 - LaGrange, Pleasant Valley & Town of Poughkeepsie	Travelpiece (VC)		
District 5 - Town of Poughkeepsie	D'Aquanni		
District 8 - City and Town of Poughkeepsie	Brendli		
District 10 - City of Poughkeepsie	Johnson		
District 12 - East Fishkill	Metzger		
District 17 - Town and Village of Fishkill	McHoul		
District 21 - East Fishkill	Caswell (C)		

Present: 12
Absent: 0
Vacant: 0

Resolution: ✓
Motion: ___

Total : 12 (Yes) 0 (No)
Abstentions: 0

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Roll Call Sheets

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District 25 - Amenia, Washington, Pleasant Valley & Millbrook	Houston		
District 3 - LaGrange	Polasek		
District 16 - Fishkill and Beacon	Valdés Smith	Absent	
District 9 - City of Poughkeepsie	Atkins		
District 1 - Town of Poughkeepsie	Gorman		
District 2 - LaGrange, Pleasant Valley & Town of Poughkeepsie	Travelpiece		
District 4 - Hyde Park and Town of Poughkeepsie	Lawler		
District 5 - Town of Poughkeepsie	D'Aquanni		
District 6 - Town of Poughkeepsie	Kaul		
District 8 - City and Town of Poughkeepsie	Brendli		
District 10 - City of Poughkeepsie	Johnson	Absent	
District 11 - Clinton, Pleasant Valley, and Rhinebeck	Kearney		
District 12 - East Fishkill	Metzger		
District 13 - East Fishkill and Wappinger	Paoloni		
District 14 - Wappinger and Town of Poughkeepsie	Versaci	Absent	
District 15 - Wappinger	Faust		
District 17 - Town and Village of Fishkill	McHoul		
District 18 - City of Beacon and Fishkill	Page	Absent	
District 19 - North East, Stanford, Pine Plains, Milan & Red Hook	Drago		
District 20 - Red Hook, Tivoli, and Rhinebeck	Munn		
District 21 - East Fishkill	Caswell		
District 22 - Beekman and Union Vale	Garito		
District 23 - Pawling, Beekman and East Fishkill	Rolison		
District 24 - Dover and Pawling	House		

Present: 21
Absent: 4
Vacant: 0

Resolution: ___
Motion: ✓

Total : 21 Yes 0 No

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BA-LK Amendment
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District 16 - Fishkill and Beacon	Valdés Smith	Absent	
District 9 - City of Poughkeepsie	Atkins	4	
District 1 - Town of Poughkeepsie	Gorman	5	
District 2 - LaGrange, Pleasant Valley & Town of Poughkeepsie	Travelpiece	6	
District 4 - Hyde Park and Town of Poughkeepsie	Lawler	7	
District 5 - Town of Poughkeepsie	D'Aquanni	8	
District 6 - Town of Poughkeepsie	Kaul	9	
District 8 - City and Town of Poughkeepsie	Brendli	10	
District 10 - City of Poughkeepsie	Johnson	Absent.	
District 11 - Clinton, Pleasant Valley, and Rhinebeck	Kearney	11	
District 12 - East Fishkill	Metzger	12	
District 13 - East Fishkill and Wappinger	Paoloni	13	
District 14 - Wappinger and Town of Poughkeepsie	Versaci	Absent	
District 15 - Wappinger	Faust	14	
District 17 - Town and Village of Fishkill	McHoul	15	
District 18 - City of Beacon and Fishkill	Page	Absent	
District 19 - North East, Stanford, Pine Plains, Milan & Red Hook	Drago		1
District 20 - Red Hook, Tivoli, and Rhinebeck	Munn	16	
District 21 - East Fishkill	Caswell	17	
District 22 - Beekman and Union Vale	Garito	18	
District 23 - Pawling, Beekman and East Fishkill	Rolison	19	
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Absent: 4 **Motion:** ____ Yes No

Vacant: 0 **Abstentions:** 0

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