MICHAEL P. HEIN
COUNTY EXECUTIVE
COUNTY OF ULSTER

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 1-2009

Making Ulster County Business-Friendly to Promote Economic Development

WHEREAS, the national and New York State economies face a time of unprecedented financial crisis that is affecting local businesses and local government tax revenues;

WHEREAS, Ulster County Executive Michael P. Hein recognizes the critical importance of the economic crisis and created a Transition Task Force on Economic Development;

WHEREAS, the Task Force has made recommendations to improve economic development in Ulster County including the creation of a Council of Economic Advisors to advise the County Executive;

WHEREAS, the Task Force recommended that all county departments be directed to accomplish their mission in a manner that clearly fosters and promotes economic development;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL P. HEIN, as County Executive of the County of Ulster, do hereby order as follows:

Section 1. A Council of Economic Advisors is established to make recommendations on the restructuring and integration of economic development within and between all Ulster County departments, boards, agencies and commissions.

1. The Council of Economic Advisors shall consist of five members to be appointed by the County Executive.

2. The duties of the Council of Economic Advisors' shall be as follows:
    a. To review the current economic development activities of Ulster County departments, boards, agencies and commissions;
    b. To identify ways in which Ulster County departments, agencies and commissions can enhance their economic development roles;
    c. To recommend to the County Executive changes in structure, operations and staffing among Ulster County departments, agencies and commissions to improve economic development.
3. The Council of Economic Advisors shall be convened for the calendar year 2009.

Section 2. Each and every department, board, agency and commission of the County of Ulster under my jurisdiction is directed to do the following:

1. Examine operations to determine the economic development role of said department, board, agency or commission, including but not limited to provision of information to the public, purchasing, and direct permitting authority;
2. Provide a summary for such operations and their economic development impacts to the Council of Economic Advisors by May 1, 2009;
3. Conduct their operations in a manner that clearly promotes economic development by making their operations as business-friendly as possible;
4. Communicate suggestions to the Office of the Executive to assure that resource allocation and coordination between county departments, boards, agencies, and commissions are conducted in a business-friendly and efficient manner.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until otherwise superseded or revoked.

The County of Ulster County

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Michael P. Hein
County Executive

Dated: January 13, 2009
Kingston, New York