

MOTION-ADOPT RESOLUTION REGARDING THE OFFICE OF REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS

Motion by Councilwoman Mullarkey
Seconded by Councilwoman Weyant

That the Town Board of the Town of New Windsor adopt the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the State of New York has appointed a Commission on Local Government Efficiency and Competitiveness, and one of the recommendations forwarded to the Governor is to move all Registrar of Vital Statistics duties to the County Level under the direction of the New York State Health Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, local Registrars throughout the State provide residents with efficient, individualized services at a reasonable cost in their own communities; without the hardship of traveling to the county seat for these services; and

WHEREAS, it is the Town of New Windsor's experience that past centralization of certain functions to county government has proven to be of no benefit to the taxpayer but rather additional costs and mandates; and

WHEREAS, the Registrar in the Town of New Windsor charges a \$10 fee per document as prescribed by law; the proposed legislation would raise that fee to \$40 per document;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of New Windsor adamantly opposes the proposal to move the duties of the Registrar of Vital Statistics to the county level as it would impose a tremendous burden, hardship and disservice to our residents and taxpayers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Hon. David Paterson, Governor, Hon. William J. Larkin, Jr., Senator, Hon. Nancy Calhoun, Assemblywoman and the Commission on Local Government Efficiency and Competitiveness.

ROLL CALL: ALL AYES

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0

T/B Meeting 2/4/2009