

RESOLUTION NO. 385

RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 217 FOR 2019

Introduced: 10/13/20

By: Drake, Mauriello, Burgdorf, Grimm, Whalen, Langdon, Perlee

WHEREAS, Albany County and its residents face dire economic circumstances due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and

WHEREAS, Cuts in New York State funding are anticipated and increases in payments to the New York State Retirement System are expected, and

WHEREAS, During such challenging times, this legislative body has a duty to implement fiscally conservative measures to limit County risk and ease the burden on taxpayers, and

WHEREAS, Resolution 217 for 2019, adopted by this legislature on July 8, 2019, reduced the threshold for health insurance benefits for current employees from 20 years to 15 years, and

WHEREAS, The costs of this revised policy were never clearly identified, but are undoubtedly larger than if the threshold remained at 20 years, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That Resolution No. 217 for 2019 is hereby rescinded, and, be it further

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the Albany County Employee Rules and Regulations, adopted pursuant to Resolution No. 136-b for 1999, which are applicable to all non-union employees of Albany County, as amended, are hereby amended to read as follows:

Article IX, Section A(l)(a)(l)(a) shall read: "The employees with an employment date after the adoption of these rules must have at least twenty (20) years of full time equivalent service with Albany County."

Article IX Retiring Part Time Employees, Group "F" part (b) shall read:

"(b) Eligibility Criteria: • Employees must have completed twenty (20) years of equivalent full-time County service. Calculation of full time service uses a standard work week of not less than thirty five (35) hours per week. • Age 55 or older. • Enrolled in County health insurance"

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the threshold for years of service required in order to become eligible for health insurance benefits in retirement shall be effective and applied retroactively for all current employees of Albany County hired after the adoption of Resolution No. 136-b for 1999, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the County Legislature is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the appropriate County Officials.

Referred to Personnel and Audit and Finance Committees – 10/13/20

Negative Recommendation Audit and Finance Committee – 10/29/20

Negative Recommendation Personnel Committee – 10/29/20

On long roll call vote the following members voted in favor: Messrs. Burgdorf, Drake, Grimm, Langdon, Ms. Lockart, Messrs. Mauriello, Perlee, Tunny and Ms. Whalen – 9

Those opposed – Messrs. Beston, Bruschi, Ms. Chapman, Messrs. Clay, Cleary, Commisso, Ms. Cunningham, Messrs. Domalewicz, Efekoro, Ethier, Feeney, Fein, A. Joyce, R. Joyce, Kuhn, Ms. Lekakis, Mr. Mayo, Mss. McLaughlin, McLean Lane, Messrs. Miller, O'Brien, Peter, Ms. Plotsky, Messrs. Reidy, Reinhardt, Ricard, Simpson, Smith, Ward, and Ms. Willingham – 30

Resolution was defeated – 11/9/20