

RESOLUTION NO. 70

AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 411 FOR 2010, REGARDING ALBANY COUNTY'S ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY POLICY

Introduced: 2/10/14

Messrs. Higgins, Clenahan, Public Works Committee and Mr. O'Brien:

WHEREAS, By Resolution 411 for 2010, this Honorable Body unanimously adopted a comprehensive Energy and Environmental Sustainability Policy and established directives in which Albany County is required to abide, and

WHEREAS, This Policy has been used as a guideline and tool in continuing Albany County's efforts to ensure its real property is environmentally and energy sustainable, and

WHEREAS, It has recently come to this Honorable Body's attention that this policy should be updated to reflect several technical changes, and be considered part of Albany County's Energy and Environmental Sustainability Policy, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That Section 8 of Resolution No. 411 for 2010 is deleted and replaced to read as follows:

8. The County shall adopt a goal of reducing electricity usage by 15 percent from projected levels by no later than 2015. Efforts to reduce County energy consumption and usage as well as updates and improvements to real property owned by Albany County shall occur through the following efforts:

A) The County shall inventory current building electricity usage and identify opportunities for conservation and efficiency retrofits. In furtherance of this goal the county shall obtain energy audits and assessments from the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA). Such audits shall be completed by December 31, 2015 and findings provided to the Clerk of the Legislature within two weeks thereafter.

B) The county shall purchase energy efficient equipment and appliances, improving lighting through the installation of new energy efficient bulbs countywide, setting of thermostats for maximum energy conservation and decreasing plug load from office equipment.

C) The County shall achieve at least minimum U.S. Green Building Council Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Standards (LEED) Silver for all new construction, renovation, or rehabilitation projects to County-owned facilities. Such building requirements shall be clearly set forth in the bid requirements and solicitations released to the general public.

D) Improve the average fuel efficiency of County fleet vehicles. When purchasing new vehicles, the county shall, at a minimum purchase not less than one third (1/3) of vehicles commonly referred to as "hybrids" or vehicles similar to hybrids which expend the equivalent or less in energy consumption.

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 Public Works Committee. 2/10/14

Adopted by unanimous vote. 3/10/14