

RESOLUTION NO. 209

REQUESTING THE COMMISSIONER OF GENERAL SERVICES TO INVESTIGATE AND REPORT ON THE STATUS OF DEBIT VERSUS CREDIT CARD CHARGES AT GAS STATIONS IN ALBANY COUNTY

Introduced: 6/10/13

By Mr. Nichols and Audit and Finance Committee:

WHEREAS, It has been reported that some local gas stations have been charging consumers a higher credit card price even though a debit card has been used for the purchase of gas, and

WHEREAS, In an instance where a gas station charges a higher price per gallon for gas purchased by credit card, it is unfair to consumers to pay cash via the use of a debit card yet be charged the higher credit card price, and

WHEREAS, The Albany County Division of Weights and Measures under the Department of General Services has jurisdiction for certifying gas pumps at Albany County gas stations, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Commissioner of the Department of General Services is directed to canvas the gas stations within Albany County to determine the status of whether debit card charges are charged the same price as credit card prices, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Commissioner report his findings along with recommended action to the Audit and Finance Committee within 60 days of the passage of this resolution, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the County Legislature is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to each of the agencies set forth hereinabove and to the appropriate County Officials.

Referred to Audit and Finance Committee. 6/10/13

Adopted by unanimous vote. 7/8/13