



Tompkins County Legislature

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Department: Tompkins County Legislature

Category: Legislation or Funding - State and Federal

Functional Category: Housing, Legislation/Regulations

SCHEDULED

RESOLUTION NO. *DOC ID: 7858*

1 **Supporting S.8421, Amending Section 224 of New York State County**
2 **Law, to Permit Tompkins County to Appropriate Funds Towards the**
3 **Development, Maintenance, and Management of Affordable Housing**

4 WHEREAS, Section 224 of the New York State County Law provides the option for a county board of
5 supervisors to appropriate and contract for public benefit services, and specifically to contract with non-profit
6 organizations and other entities within the county for the purposes listed in Section 224, and
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8 WHEREAS, the list of objects and purposes for these optional appropriations and contracts for public benefit
9 services does not include the development, maintenance, or management of affordable housing, and
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11 WHEREAS, an inadequate supply of affordable housing that is well maintained and managed is a long-
12 standing challenge that significantly impacts the health, safety, and well-being of many individuals and families in
13 Tompkins County, and
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15 WHEREAS, although counties in the state of New York are permitted to spend Federal and New York State
16 funds provided to them for the purposes of developing, maintaining, or managing affordable housing and to contract
17 with other organizations to carry out these purposes, they have no mechanism under the current County Law to use
18 local funds for these purposes, and
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20 WHEREAS, the New York State Association of Counties passed Resolution #2018-6 in January 2018
21 supporting Tompkins County's request for this authority, and
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23 WHEREAS, S.8421 has been introduced in the New York State Senate, now therefore be it
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25 RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Housing Committee, That the Tompkins County Legislature urges
26 the New York State Legislature to pass S.8421, to amend Section 224 of the New York State County Law, by adding a
27 new subdivision 29 to read as follows:
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29 (29) Development, maintenance, and management of affordable housing located within the County of
30 Tompkins, to take effect immediately.
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32 RESOLVED, further, That copies of this resolution be sent to Governor Andrew Cuomo, Senators Thomas
33 O'Mara, James Seward, and Pamela Helming, Assemblywoman Barbara Lifton, Senator Kathleen Marchione,
34 Assemblymember William Magnarelli, and the New York State Association of Counties.

35 **SEQR ACTION: TYPE II-37**