



TOWN OF DEERPARK

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RESOLUTION #4 OF 2011

Resolution Asking The State Legislature to Expand Eligibility Requirements Pertaining to the Publication of Legal Notices and the Naming of Official Newspapers

WHEREAS, an informed and engaged electorate is important to the governing process; and

WHEREAS, the electorate is notified of many local government actions by means of the publication of a legal notice in a paid daily or weekly newspaper as defined by Public Officers Law §70-a and General Construction Law, §60 (a); and

WHEREAS, studies show the decline in paid local daily and weekly newspaper readership is accelerating; and

WHEREAS, New Yorkers are increasingly turning to alternative sources of news and information such as the internet and free community newspapers; and

WHEREAS, the intent of required public notice is to increase the likelihood that citizens are well-informed regarding local government actions, finances and plans;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Deer Park calls upon the Governor and Members of the State Legislature to amend the General Construction Law to allow publications, distributed without charge, but with an established and large circulation, to be considered newspapers in certain instances to permit towns and other local governments to place legal notices in the local publications which may reach a larger audience and/or be less costly to the taxpayers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Deer Park supports legislation providing for optional alternative media (e.g. town website and Internet News Web Sites) for publication of legal notices in order to improve the citizen participation and awareness of town programs and expenses.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be sent to Governor Andrew Cuomo, State Senator John Bonacic, State Senator William Larkin, State Senator David Carlucci, Assemblywoman Nancy Calhoun, Assemblywoman Annie Rabbit, and Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther.

Drafted for approval by:

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