

SAMPLE AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE ALBANY COUNTY FINANCE DEPARTMENT TO CHARGE A FEE FOR TAX SEARCHES

Introduced:

By:

WHEREAS, The County of Albany has continually reviewed financial management and pursued ways in which to improve efficiency and cost-effectiveness in government, and

WHEREAS, Through an ongoing self-evaluation of the Albany County government, new cost-effective methods have been developed to ensure that services are being provided to the Citizens of Albany County while also making certain that tax dollars are protected, and

WHEREAS, The mission of the Albany County Finance Department includes providing professional cash management with respect to the financial affairs of the County, and an administrative function of the Finance Department is to perform tax searches, and

WHEREAS, It is a common practice of surrounding counties to charge a fee for performing tax searches, now, therefore be it

WHEREAS, NYS Real Property Tax Law, Article 11, Title 3 extinguishes all delinquent taxes due as a condition of County Ownership and

WHEREAS, Albany County continues to make Towns and Cities whole for unpaid taxes at the end of each warrant period, giving the County sole authority over any unpaid amounts due, and

WHEREAS, the current County Disposition Plan allows for transfer of tax foreclosed parcels to the Albany County Land Bank Corporation, by adopted resolutions, free and clear of taxes and liens, and

WHEREAS, Chapter 483 of 2018 exempts land bank parcels from taxation immediately upon acquisition by the land bank, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that effective January 1, 1996, the Albany County Finance Department is authorized to charge a fee of \$25 per tax search performed, 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,

RESOLVED, that the County's Tax Enforcement Officer is directed to provide certification that tax foreclosed parcels sold by the Albany County Land Bank are free and clear of taxes, liens and other fees, waiving the above referenced \$25.00 per search fee.