

1 **2023 NYSAC Legislative Conference**
2 **Standing Committee on Economic Development, Environment & Energy**
3 **Resolution #2**

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5 **Resolution Opposing Waste Disposal Surcharges and Requesting an**
6 **Exemption for Planning Units**

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8 **WHEREAS**, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
9 (NYSDEC) requires, and relies upon Local Solid Waste Management Planning Units to
10 provide comprehensive waste reduction, recycling, and disposal services to communities
11 throughout the state; and

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13 **WHEREAS**, Local Solid Waste Management Planning Units have collectively invested
14 billions of dollars in their comprehensive solid waste management systems and are
15 responsible to set rates to support such systems, including the implementation of their
16 Local Solid Waste Management Plans that are approved by the NYSDEC; and

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18 **WHEREAS**, Local Solid Waste Management Planning Units face constant pressures by
19 the local communities they serve to operate as efficiently as possible, such that they have
20 the lowest possible operating costs, including the waste disposal fees charged to waste
21 haulers and residents; and

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23 **WHEREAS**, the Climate Action Council’s Final Scoping Plan recommends (on page
24 338) that the State “enact legislation in 2023 to establish a disposal disincentive (fee per
25 ton) on all waste generated in New York to provide financial support for reduction,
26 reuse, and recycling;” and

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28 **WHEREAS**, most Local Solid Waste Management Planning Units already implement
29 fee structures that support their waste reduction, reuse, and recycling programs and
30 disincentivize disposal because recycling programs are generally offered a no cost or at a
31 fee significantly lower than disposal fees; and

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33 **WHEREAS**, the implementation of statewide per ton fees essentially undermines and
34 penalizes the efforts by Local Solid Waste Management Planning Units to provide cost-
35 effective comprehensive systems; and

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37 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the New York State Association of
38 Counties (NYSAC) opposes the implementation of any state imposed type of waste
39 disposal surcharge; and

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41 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, NYSAC hereby requests that Local Solid Waste
42 Management Planning Units receive an exemption from such surcharges should the
43 State choose to implement them at other disposal facilities; and

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45 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that copies of this resolution be sent to the counties
46 of New York encouraging member counties to enact similar resolutions; and

1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that NYSAC shall forward copies of this resolution to
2 Governor Kathy Hochul, the New York State Legislature, NYSDEC Commissioner Basil
3 Seggos, and all others deemed necessary and proper.