

**TOWN OF TAGHKANIC, COLUMBIA
COUNTY, NEW YORK**

RESOLUTION NO. -09

RIGHT TO VOTE

At a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Taghkanic, Columbia County, New York, duly held on the ___ day of _____, 2009 at the Town Hall, Route 82, Taghkanic, the following Resolution was proposed and seconded:

Resolution by: Councilperson

Seconded by: Councilperson

To the Columbia County Board of Supervisors and the Columbia County Board of Elections

WHEREAS, the protection of the right to vote is essential to the perpetuation of our democratic systems and our republican form of government; and,

WHEREAS, the protection of voting rights also requires that the integrity of the voting process be upheld and that all citizens be properly informed as to the legal requirements for registration and voting; and,

WHEREAS, there has been a recent controversy within Columbia County as to the validity of votes cast by absentee ballots and the qualifications of voters to participate as voters within Columbia County; and,

WHEREAS, it should not be intention of any efforts to insure the legitimacy of electoral process to cast aspersions upon any particular group of individuals, voters based upon their individual political beliefs; and

WHEREAS, the New York State election law contains provisions for the Boards of Elections in the various counties to properly ascertain eligibility of citizens to vote, especially when such citizens may maintain more than a single residence; and

WHEREAS, in order to insure that citizens understand their right to vote but also be advised of the legal requirements relating to qualifications for voting in a particular locale;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Town Board requests that the Board of Supervisors and Board of Elections undertake a review of procedures and requirements, consistent with the New York State election law, to properly analyze and consider applications for voter registration and to inform the public at large as to legal requirements for voter registration within this State; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that all citizens of our Town be assured that this Town Board fully supports the full voting rights of all citizens consistent with the commands of the New York State Election Law.

Upon question of the forgoing Resolution, the following Town Council Members voted as follows:

	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Supervisor Elizabeth L. Young	—	—	—	—
Councilperson Erin Edwards	—	—	—	—
Councilperson Richard Skoda	—	—	—	—
Councilperson Anthony LaSalvia	—	—	—	—
Councilperson Sammons	—	—	—	—

The Resolution having been approved by a majority of the Town Board, the same was declared duly adopted by the Supervisor of the Town of Taghkanic.

Dated:

Cheryl E. Rogers, Town Clerk
Town of Taghkanic

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Dated: _____, 2009

Cheryl E. Rogers, Town Clerk Town of Taghkanic