



THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BINGHAMTON
STATE OF NEW YORK

Date: July 2, 2013

Sponsored by Council Members: Motsavage, Webb, Matzo, Rennia, Mihalko, Berg, Papastrat

Introduced by Committee: Municipal and Public Affairs

RESOLUTION

entitled

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING AND URGING APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS AT NEW YORK STATE ELECTRIC AND GAS TO CAREFULLY MONITOR TREE-TRIMMING POLICIES DESIGNED TO CUT AS FEW TREES AS POSSIBLE AND WHEN TRIMMING IS REQUIRED, TO TRIM AS LITTLE AS REASONABLY POSSIBLE IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN POWER LINES

WHEREAS, the City of Binghamton regained our designation as a "Tree City USA" in 2007 and since then have made a concerted effort to enhance our tree growth throughout the City, enhancing our tree canopy, and increasing shade to limit heat island effect where possible; and

WHEREAS, New York State Electric and Gas Corporation's ("NYSEG") vegetation maintenance policy seems to be in conflict with the City's efforts; and

WHEREAS, the lack of routine maintenance by NYSEG has led to a very aggressive trimming program without regard to its effect on City neighborhoods and property values; and

WHEREAS, this policy is leading to needless destruction of dozens of trees, as well as aesthetic and environmental damage to our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council of the City of Binghamton, duly convened in regular session does hereby:

RESOLVE that the Council of the City of Binghamton urges NYSEG to seek a more balanced vegetation maintenance policy which seeks to minimize impacts while still recognizing rights of property owners; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Binghamton urges NYSEG to provide written plans, including amount of pruning to be completed, and that the plans be presented to the City of Binghamton and residents of affected neighborhoods before future trimming occurs; and be it further

RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution embossed with the seal of the City of Binghamton be mailed to NYSEG officials, U.S Senator Gillibrand, U.S Senator Charles

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Schumer, Congressman Richard Hanna, Assemblywoman Donna Lupardo, Senator Tom Libous,
and the Public Service Commission.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy
of the legislation adopted by the Council
of the City of Binghamton at a meeting
held on 7/2/13. Approved by the
Mayor on 7/3/13.



Introductory No. R13-63
 Permanent No. R13-63

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The within Resolution was adopted by the Council of
 the City of Binghamton.

Date JULY 2, 2013
Douglas Holmes
 City Clerk

Date Presented to Mayor JULY 3, 2013
 Date Approved 7/3/13
Matthew R. Berg
 Mayor

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	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Molsavage	✓			
Mihalko	✓			
Rennia	✓			
Webb	✓			
Papastrat	✓			
Matzo	✓			
Berg	✓			
Total	7	0	0	0

Code of the City of Binghamton
 Adopted Defeated
7 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Abstain 0 Absent