

Wednesday **August 20, 2025**
(Immediately following Physical Services Mtg. starting @ 5:30 P.M.)

Chairwoman Sayegh stated that there were many discussions on this. She stated that as Chair of the Legislature she was proud of all these discussions. She explained that everyone had their own ideas, and it was done in a transparent way by continuing the

conversation. She stated that maybe there was a compromise here. She stated that everyone does not always get exactly what they want, however, she believed that in the end the taxpayer will benefit if a portion of the sales tax revenue is going back to each of the towns and villages.

RESOLUTION #208

APPROVAL/SALES TAX ADJUSTMENT

**County Legislature of the County of Putnam
imposing taxes on sales and uses of tangible
personal property and of certain services, on
occupancy of hotel rooms and on amusement
charges, pursuant to Article 29 of the Tax Law of
the State of New York.**

Be it enacted by the County Legislature of the County of Putnam, as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 4-A of Resolution #85 of 1977, adopted by the County Legislature of the County of Putnam on February 10, 1977, imposing sales and compensating use taxes, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

SECTION 4-A. Imposition of additional rate of sales and compensating use taxes.

Pursuant to the authority of section 1210 of the Tax Law, in addition to the sales and compensating use taxes imposed by sections 2 and 4 of this resolution, there is hereby imposed and there shall be paid an additional one percent rate of such sales and compensating use taxes, for the period beginning September 1, 2007, and ending November 30, 2027. Such additional taxes shall be identical to the taxes imposed by such sections 2 and 4 and shall be administered and collected in the same manner as such taxes. All of the provisions of this resolution relating or applicable to the administration and collection of the taxes imposed by such section 2 and 4 shall apply to the additional taxes imposed by this section, including the applicable transitional provisions, limitations, special provisions, exemptions, exclusions, refunds and credits as are set forth in this resolution, with the same force and effect as if those provisions had been incorporated in full into this section and had expressly referred to the additional taxes imposed by this section.

SECTION 2. Paragraph (g) of subdivision (1) of section 11 of Resolution #85 of 1977, adopted by the County Legislature of the County of Putnam on February 10, 1977, imposing sales and compensating use taxes, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

(g) With respect to the additional one percent rate of taxes imposed for the period beginning September 1, 2007, and ending November 30, 2027, in respect to the use of property used by the purchaser in this county prior to September 1, 2007.

SECTION 3. This enactment shall take effect December 1, 2025.

**BY ROLL CALL VOTE: FIVE AYES. ONE ABSTENTION – LEGISLATOR BIRMINGHAM.
LEGISLATORS CROWLEY, GOULDMAN & JONKE WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.**

Item #5 – Approval – SEQR – Agricultural District was next.

Chairwoman Sayegh made a motion to remove this from the agenda since it pertains to the next item for Reinmaker Farm East LLC which was tabled at the Physical Services Committee meeting which was held tonight before this Special Full meeting; seconded by Legislator Ellner. All in favor.

APPROVAL – SEQR - AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture and Markets as Lead Agency for the Agricultural Districts Program has conducted a programmatic review of the environmental effects of Agricultural Districts and has concluded that there is little likelihood of significant adverse environmental impact resulting from the formation or modification of such districts; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the County to review the site-specific proposals under consideration to determine if unique circumstances exist which increase the likelihood of environmental significance; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture and Markets recommends that the County Legislative body serve as the Lead Agency to ensure compliance with the requirement of the State Environmental Quality Review Act as it is the only other agency required to undertake an action except for the Department of Agriculture and Markets; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature declares itself to be the lead agency to ensure compliance with the requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature, as Lead Agency, hereby determines that the site-specific parcels contained in the proposed Agriculture District modifications will not have a significant adverse effect on the environment and that a Draft Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature, as lead agency, hereby accepts and adopts the Negative Declaration prepared in connection with the proposed Agriculture District modifications, a copy of which is annexed hereto and made a part hereof.

Item #6 – Approval – Stipulation – Inclusion of Parcel in Putnam County Agricultural District was next.

Chairwoman Sayegh made a motion to remove this item from the agenda since it was tabled at the Physical Services Committee meeting held tonight before this Special Full meeting; seconded by Legislator Ellner. All in favor.

APPROVAL – STIPULATION – INCLUSION OF PARCEL IN PUTNAM COUNTY AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, by Resolution #81 of 2003, the Putnam County Legislature created an Agricultural District in the County of Putnam; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution #193 of 2011, after the 8th year anniversary of the formation of the Putnam County Agricultural District, the Putnam County Legislature modified said Putnam County Agricultural District No. 1; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution #244 of 2003, the Putnam County Legislature established the month of November in which a landowner may request inclusion in the Putnam County Agricultural District; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution #154 of 2015, the Putnam County Legislature changed the annual thirty-day inclusion request period, from the month of November to April 1st through April 30th, commencing in the year 2016 and each year thereafter; and

WHEREAS, November 19, 2019 marked the second 8-Year Anniversary of the formation of the Putnam County Agricultural District requiring the Putnam County Legislature to review this district and either continue, terminate or modify the district created; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution #204 of 2019, the Putnam County Legislature determined that the Putnam County Agricultural District No. 1 remained the same in accordance with the recommendations of the Putnam County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board to consist of 157 parcels with a total acreage of 5,113.9 acres; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution #185 of 2025, the Putnam County Legislature considered applications to include parcels into the Putnam County Agricultural District; and

WHEREAS, included in the applications presented to the Putnam County Legislature in 2025 to modify the existing Agricultural District in the County of Putnam was a request to include the following parcel in the Putnam County Agricultural District (the "Parcel"):

Town of Southeast:

Reinmaker Farm East LLC - Tax Map #58.-1-34.2 (107.50 acres) Total Acreage: 107.50 ; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution 185 of 2025, the Putnam County Legislature voted to exclude Reinmaker Farm East LLC from the Putnam County Agricultural District; and

WHEREAS, Reinmaker Farm East LLC commenced an Article 78 Proceeding in Supreme Court Putnam County challenging the action of the Putnam County Legislature in excluding the Reinmaker Farm East LLC Parcel from the Putnam County Agricultural District; and

WHEREAS, by Stipulation, dated **August __, 2025**, Reinmaker Farm East LLC and the County of Putnam and the Putnam County Legislature stipulated and agreed that the Putnam County Legislature would vacate and annul its prior determination in Resolution #185, dated July 7, 2025, denying Reinmaker Farm East LLC's application and include the Parcel in the Putnam County Agricultural District in accordance with Article 25-AA of the Agriculture and Markets Law; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the Putnam County Legislature hereby vacates and annuls its prior determination in Resolution #185, dated July 7, 2025, denying Reinmaker Farm East LLC's application to include the Parcel in the Putnam County Agricultural District and hereby adopts the Parcel for inclusion in the Putnam County Agricultural District, to wit:

Town of Southeast:

Reinmaker Farm East LLC - Tax Map #58.-1-34.2 (107.50 acres) Total Acreage: 107.50

For a total of 107.50 acres.

There being no further business, at 7:30 P.M., Chairwoman Sayegh made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Legislator Montgomery. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Schonfeld, Clerk.

