CITY OF BEACON

CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. OF 2017

RESOLUTION ADOPTING A NEGATIVE DECLARATION ON THE CITY OF BEACON COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY ZONING CODE AND ZONING MAP UNDER THE STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT

WHEREAS, the Beacon Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee has submitted a draft Comprehensive Plan to the Beacon City Council; and

WHEREAS, said Comprehensive Plan has been prepared in accordance with NYS City General Law and provides a guide for land use and development decisions, the adoption of municipal regulations and the investment of public funds for infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of the Comprehensive Plan goals and objectives, the City's planning consultants, BFJ Planning, prepared a series of proposed zoning code and map amendments, compiled as Local Law of 2017, and said amendments, together with the Comprehensive Plan, comprise the "Proposed Action"; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of a Comprehensive Plan is classified as a Type I action under Part 617 of the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQR"); and

WHEREAS, the City Council directed its planning consultants, BFJ Planning, to complete an Environmental Assessment Form ("EAF") for the Proposed Action, pursuant to SEQR, and said EAF was submitted to the City Council dated December 27, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, by a resolution dated January 3, 2017, declared itself Lead Agency for this action and authorized the circulation of the Full EAF and draft Comprehensive Plan and draft local law with proposed zoning code and map amendments to the City of Beacon Planning Board, adjacent municipalities and the Dutchess County Department of Planning; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is in receipt of responses from the City of Beacon Planning Board and Dutchess County Department of Planning, both dated February 17, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the City Council held a public hearing on the Comprehensive Plan and local law with proposed zoning code and map amendments on February 6 and 21, 2017, at which time all those wishing to be heard were given an opportunity to be heard; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has considered written and verbal comments presented during the public hearing, comments from community groups and governmental boards, committees and agencies, comments from City staff and consultants, and all other information submitted to the City Council during its review of the draft Comprehensive Plan and draft local law; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed the information contained in the Full EAF, including Part 3 which provides a reasoned elaboration for the City Council's determination herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Beacon City Council hereby adopts the attached Negative Declaration with respect to the Proposed Action, and issues a finding that, based upon

the information contained in the full EAF, and all other information contained in the record before the City Council, the Proposed Action will not have any significant adverse impacts on the environment, no environmental impact statement (EIS) needs to be prepared and the SEQRA process is complete.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Upon Motion of Councilmember	, and seconded by
Councilmember	, this Resolution was approved by the following vote:
Randy Casale, Mayor Peggy Ross, Ward One Omar Harper, Ward Two Pam Wetherbee, Ward Three Ali T. Muhammad, Ward Four George Mansfield, Ward Five Lee Kyriacou, Ward Six	