



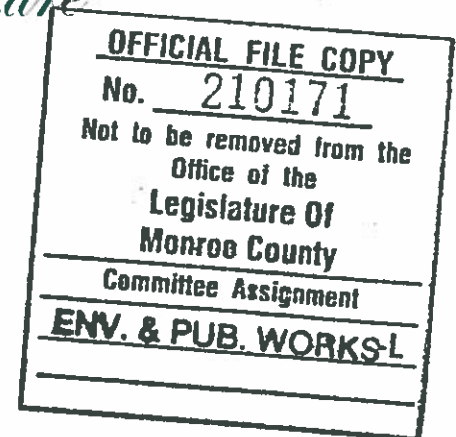
Monroe County Legislature

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LEGISLATOR – DISTRICT 8

May 10, 2021

To the Honorable
Monroe County Legislature
407 County Office Building
Rochester, New York 14614



Subject: Creating a Centralized Publicly Accessible Database of Public Handicap Accessible Restrooms and Lactation Areas Throughout Monroe County

Honorable Legislators:

In recent years, ecommerce has grown significantly as technology continues to be right at our fingertips. The convenience of having products ordered and delivered directly to our doors has only multiplied during the COVID-19 pandemic. As a result, there are more postal workers and delivery truck drivers in our neighborhoods, each fulfilling hundreds of orders every day. The diligence of these hardworking employees is appreciated, and the long hours put in by them are certainly recognized.

In a recent article by the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle, a unique problem facing delivery drivers is the inability to find and use restrooms during their extensive workday. This legislation creates an easily accessible database of the location and hours for all public restroom and lactation facilities that Monroe County operates. Monroe County has t dozens of publicly accessible restrooms, lactation spaces and handicap accessible restrooms throughout the area that can be used through the day.

This database would be available online via the county website and would allow individuals to enter their current location and have the closest facilities to them provided. Additionally, lactation rooms that are operated by Monroe County would be included for mothers in need of these facilities.

Establishing this restroom/lactation facilities database is a small additional service that will assist everyone in our community when the moment you are in need of a facility arises. Whether it is during a day in the park with your family, on the job during a delivery route or while working in a ridesharing industry.

The specific legislative actions required is to direct the Monroe County Department of Environmental Services to develop and create a database containing the locations and hours of operation for County public restrooms and lactation areas.

The legislative action requested in this referral is not an "Action," as that term is defined in 6 NYCRR § 617.2(b) and is not subject to review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

This action will have no impact on the revenues or expenditures of the current Monroe County budget.

Respectfully Submitted,

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