

Intro. Res. No. 1029-2018
Introduced by Legislators Krupski, Fleming, Hahn and Muratore

Laid on Table 1/2/2018

**RESOLUTION NO. 79 -2018, ADOPTING LOCAL LAW
NO. 10 -2018, A LOCAL LAW CHANGING THE COMPOSITION
OF THE FARMLAND COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, there was duly presented and introduced to this County Legislature at a meeting held on January 2, 2018, a proposed local law entitled, "**A LOCAL LAW CHANGING THE COMPOSITION OF THE FARMLAND COMMITTEE**"; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that said local law be enacted in form as follows:

LOCAL LAW NO. 10 -2018, SUFFOLK COUNTY, NEW YORK

**A LOCAL LAW CHANGING THE COMPOSITION OF THE
FARMLAND COMMITTEE**

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF
SUFFOLK**, as follows:

Section 1. Legislative Intent.

This Legislature hereby finds and determines that the Suffolk County Farmland Committee was created to recommend to the Suffolk County Legislature agricultural lands that should be protected through the acquisition of development rights and to advise County officials on overall agricultural policy.

This Legislature further finds that the Farmland Committee consists of nineteen (19) members, most of whom have a background or expertise in agriculture.

This Legislature finds that two (2) members of the Farmland Committee represent the Department of Economic Development and Planning but the County Legislature is unrepresented on this Committee.

This Legislature also finds that having a member of the County Legislature on the Farmland Committee will bring a different and valuable perspective to the workings of the Committee.

Therefore, the purpose of this local law is to add a County Legislature representative to the Suffolk County Farmland Committee.

Section 2. Amendments.

Section 8-4 of the SUFFOLK COUNTY CODE is hereby amended as follows:

§ 8-4. Farmland Committee.

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B. Membership.

- (1) The Committee shall consist of [19] 20 members, nine of whom shall be appointed by the Suffolk County Executive with the approval of the Suffolk County Legislature, and shall serve at the pleasure of the Suffolk County Executive, [and] 10 of whom shall be designated one from each town within the County and shall serve at the pleasure of the respective Town Boards, and one member of the Suffolk County Legislature to be appointed by, and serve at the pleasure of, the Presiding Officer of the County Legislature.

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- C. Financial disclosure. Each committee member shall submit the financial disclosure statement that is annexed to this law and chapter as Exhibit A unless a member is required to file a financial disclosure statement pursuant to § 77-10 of the Suffolk County Code. Committee members shall submit this disclosure statement to the Suffolk County Board of Ethics, or any successor body, by May 15 of each year.

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Section 3. Applicability.

This law shall apply to all actions occurring on or after the effective date of this law.

Section 4. Severability.

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or part of this law or the application thereof to any person, individual, corporation, firm, partnership, entity, or circumstance shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or part of this law, or in its application to the person, individual, corporation, firm, partnership, entity, or circumstance directly involved in the controversy in which such order or judgment shall be rendered.

Section 5. SEQRA Determination.

This Legislature, being the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) lead agency, hereby finds and determines that this law constitutes a Type II action pursuant to Section 617.5(c)(20), (21), and/or (27) of Title 6 of the NEW YORK CODE OF RULES AND REGULATIONS (6 NYCRR) and within the meaning of Section 8-0109(2) of the NEW YORK ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW as a promulgation of regulations, rules, policies, procedures, and legislative decisions in connection with continuing agency administration, management and information collection. The Suffolk County Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) is hereby directed to circulate any appropriate SEQRA notices of determination of non-applicability or non-significance in accordance with this law.

Section 6. Effective Date.

This law shall take effect immediately upon its filing in the Office of the Secretary of State.

[] Brackets denote deletion of existing language
___ Underlining denotes addition of new language

DATED: March 6, 2018

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: April 3, 2018

After a public hearing duly held on March 22, 2018
Filed with the Secretary of State on April 18, 2018