

RESOLUTION NO. 872 -2017, DIRECTING THE REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICE AGENCY TO DEVELOP A PLAN TO EXEMPT FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYERS FROM ADDITIONAL TAX MAP VERIFICATION FEE

WHEREAS, Local Law No. 36-2016 authorized the Director of the Real Property Tax Service Agency to collect a \$300 fee for the verification of tax map numbers on all mortgage instruments presented for recording or filing; and

WHEREAS, this \$300 fee is in addition to the standard \$200 fee that is required for the verification of tax map numbers on all instruments presented for recording and filing; and

WHEREAS, the \$300 fee imposed by Local Law No. 36-2016 poses a substantial hardship for first-time homebuyers, who often struggle to accumulate the monies needed to make a down payment on a home and pay all closing costs; and

WHEREAS, this Legislature believes first-time homebuyers should be exempted from the additional \$300 fee for the recording of mortgage documents; and

WHEREAS, the Real Property Tax Service Agency should develop a plan to implement the fee exemption for first-time homebuyers; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that the Director of the Real Property Tax Service Agency is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to submit to each member of the Suffolk County Legislature within sixty (60) days of the effective date of this resolution, a plan to implement an exemption for first-time homebuyers from the additional \$300 fee for the verification of tax map numbers on mortgage documents; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED, that the plan prepared by Real Property Tax Service Agency shall include a description of the proofs and documents that must be submitted by an applicant to establish their first-time home ownership; and be it further

3rd RESOLVED, that this Legislature, being the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) lead agency, hereby finds and determines that this resolution constitutes a Type II action pursuant to Section 617.5(c)(20), (21) and (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, and 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 resolution.

DATED: October 3, 2017

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: October 17, 2017