

Introduced by Legislators Krupski, Lindsay, Hahn, Anker and Calarco

**RESOLUTION NO. 716 -2017, ADOPTING LOCAL LAW
NO. 22 -2017, A LOCAL LAW TO FREEZE SALARIES OF
COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS**

WHEREAS, there was duly presented and introduced to this County Legislature at a meeting held on June 20, 2017, a proposed local law entitled, "**A LOCAL LAW TO FREEZE SALARIES OF COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS**"; now, therefore be it

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

LOCAL LAW NO. 22 -2017, SUFFOLK COUNTY, NEW YORK

**A LOCAL LAW TO FREEZE SALARIES OF COUNTY ELECTED
OFFICIALS**

**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 Local Law No. 4-1986 and Local Law No. 42-1999 established a policy whereby the County's elected officials receive an automatic annual pay increase equal to 4% or the increase in the Consumer Price Index, whichever is lower.

This Legislature further finds that the policy established by these local laws has led to a steady escalation of elected officials' salaries.

This Legislature concludes that automatic pay increases for elected officials cannot be justified at a time when the County of Suffolk is facing grave budget challenges.

Therefore, the purpose of this law is to amend the SUFFOLK COUNTY CODE and suspend automatic annual pay increases for elected officials for four years.

Section 2. Amendments.

Chapter 205 of the SUFFOLK COUNTY CODE is hereby amended as follows:

**CHAPTER 205.
SALARIES AND COMPENSATION**

**ARTICLE I.
EQUITABLE COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN ELECTED OFFICERS**

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§ 205-2. Salary Schedule.

- A. The salary of all elected officers specified in Subsection B holding position under the Suffolk County Charter shall be increased annually commencing January 1, 2001, by an amount equal to the lesser of 4% or the amount of increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the New York - Northern New Jersey - Long Island Region published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor for the preceding year, subject to the provisions of subsection (C) of this section.
- B. Salaries for the following officers shall be subject to the maximum annual adjustment set forth in Subsection A:

Officer

- County Executive
- District Attorney
- County Sheriff
- County Clerk
- County Comptroller
- Presiding Officer of the Legislature
- Deputy Presiding Officer of the Legislature
- County Legislator

- C. The automatic salary increases for elected officers authorized by subsection (A) shall be suspended for the four-year periods set forth below. The salary of the County's elected officers may only be increased during the periods set forth below by a duly enacted resolution of the County of Suffolk.

Officer

Periods of Suspension

<u>County Executive</u>	<u>January 1, 2020 - December 31, 2023</u>
<u>District Attorney</u>	<u>January 1, 2018 - December 31, 2021</u>
<u>County Sheriff</u>	<u>January 1, 2018 - December 31, 2021</u>
<u>County Clerk</u>	<u>January 1, 2019 - December 31, 2022</u>
<u>County Comptroller</u>	<u>January 1, 2019 - December 31, 2022</u>
<u>Presiding Officer of the County Legislature</u>	<u>January 1, 2018 - December 31, 2021</u>
<u>Deputy Presiding Officer of the County Legislature</u>	<u>January 1, 2018 - December 31, 2021</u>
<u>County Legislator</u>	<u>January 1, 2018 - December 31, 2021</u>

- [C.]D. Notwithstanding § 205-2C and § 205-5A, in no event shall the District Attorney's salary be less than allowed under state law.

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Section 4. Applicability.

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

Section 5. 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 6. 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 7. 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: September 6, 2017

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: September 29, 2017

After a public hearing duly held on September 18, 2017
Filed with the Secretary of State on October 19, 2017