

STRICKEN END OF YEAR 2017

Intro. Res. No. 1581-2017
Introduced by Legislator McCaffrey

Laid on Table 7/25/2017

**RESOLUTION NO. -2017, ADOPTING LOCAL LAW
NO. -2017, A LOCAL LAW TO EVALUATE THE RED LIGHT
CAMERA PROGRAM'S IMPACT ON PUBLIC SAFETY**

WHEREAS, there was duly presented and introduced to this County Legislature at a meeting held on _____, 2017, a proposed local law entitled, "**A LOCAL LAW TO EVALUATE THE RED LIGHT CAMERA PROGRAM'S IMPACT ON PUBLIC SAFETY**"; now, therefore be it

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

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

**A LOCAL LAW TO EVALUATE THE RED LIGHT CAMERA
PROGRAM'S IMPACT ON PUBLIC SAFETY**

**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. 20-2009 established the red light camera demonstration program in Suffolk County and, under New York State Law, the County is now authorized to install and operate traffic-control signal photo violation-monitoring systems at 100 intersections.

This Legislature further finds that the proponents of the Red Light Camera Program claim the intention of the program is to reduce the incidence of red light running and prevent "T-bone" intersection collisions. However, 80% of the tickets issued under this program are for unlawful right turns against a red light.

This Legislature finds that many citizens, lawyers and leaders in Suffolk County have claimed the Red Light Camera Program has caused accidents and put people's safety at greater risk.

This Legislature also finds that the County has received persistent complaints about the timing of the traffic signals at monitored locations (i.e. the duration of the yellow signal is too short) and the criteria utilized for siting the red light cameras.

This Legislature concludes that the public has a right to know the impact the Red Light Camera Program has on public safety at the intersections where the cameras are installed.

Therefore, the purpose of this local law is to direct the Department of Public Works to study the impact the Red Light Camera Program has had on public safety at intersections where the red light cameras have been installed, to suspend the Red Light Camera Program until the study is completed and the findings are made available to the Suffolk

County Legislature and the public and determinations are made regarding the future of the program.

Section 2. Suspension of the Red Light Camera Program.

The Red Light Camera Program authorized by Local Law No. 20-2009, Local Law No. 40-2012 and Article 7 of Chapter 818 of the SUFFOLK COUNTY CODE, shall be suspended immediately upon the effective date of this local law until a study of the program's impact on public safety is completed, the findings are made public and determinations are made regarding the future of the program and the locations of the red light cameras.

Section 3. Suspension of Contract.

The Department of Public Works and the Suffolk County Attorney are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to provide notice to Xerox State and Local Solutions, Inc. of the County's intention to suspend its contract for the Red Light Camera Program upon the effective date of this local law.

Section 4. Red Light Camera Program Safety Study.

A. The County Department of Public Works is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to take such action as may be necessary to complete a study regarding the safety of the Red Light Camera Program, the future of the program and the locations of the red light cameras.

B. The Department of Public Works will report their findings and recommendations to the County Executive and the County Legislature within 120 days of the effective date of this resolution.

Section 5. Applicability.

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

Section 6. 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 7. 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 8. Effective Date.

This law shall take effect on January 1, 2018.

DATED:

APPROVED BY:

County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: