

Intro. Res. No. 1424-2019

Laid on Table 5/14/2019

Introduced by Legislators Gonzalez, Berland, Lindsay, Sunderman, Hahn, Calarco, and Gregory

**RESOLUTION NO. 685 -2019, ADOPTING LOCAL LAW NO. 28 -2019, A LOCAL LAW TO ESTABLISH A VETERANS PREFERENCE WHEN RENTING COUNTY-OWNED PARK FACILITIES**

**WHEREAS**, there was duly presented and introduced to this County Legislature at a meeting held on May 14, 2019, a proposed local law entitled, "**A LOCAL LAW TO ESTABLISH A VETERANS PREFERENCE WHEN RENTING COUNTY-OWNED PARK FACILITIES**"; now, therefore be it

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

**LOCAL LAW NO. 28 -2019, SUFFOLK COUNTY, NEW YORK**

**A LOCAL LAW TO ESTABLISH A VETERANS PREFERENCE WHEN RENTING COUNTY-OWNED PARK FACILITIES**

**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 Suffolk County is home to the largest population of veterans in New York State.

This Legislature also finds and determines that some veterans have difficulties finding housing on Long Island.

This Legislature also finds that Suffolk County rents and leases County-Owned park properties to a number of qualified individuals, preferring current and former County employees before any resident in the County.

This Legislature also finds that veterans have served our country with honor and through their service are uniquely prepared to secure and look after County rental properties.

This Legislature further finds and determines that to help ease the process of obtaining housing and capitalize on the unique skills that veterans offer, Suffolk County should include veterans on the preference list for renting County-Owned park facilities.

Therefore the purpose of this local law is to amend Chapter 643 Article II of the SUFFOLK COUNTY CODE to include a preference for veterans when renting County park properties.

**Section 2. Amendments.**

Chapter 643 of the SUFFOLK COUNTY CODE is hereby amended as follows:

**CHAPTER 643. PARKS AND PARK FACILITIES**

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## **Article II. Lease or Licensing of Park Facilities**

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### **§ 643-13. Residence authorized; facilities available for lease.**

- A. The Department is hereby authorized to lease or license parks facilities under its jurisdiction, subject to the requirements of this article and the approval of the Suffolk County Legislature, to the following persons and in the order of priority as follows:
- (1) A current full-time employee as a Suffolk County Park Police officer.
  - (2) A current full-time employee of the Suffolk County Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation.
  - (3) A current full-time Suffolk County law enforcement officer.
  - (4) A current full-time employee of the County of Suffolk.
  - (5) A former full-time Suffolk County law enforcement officer.
  - (6) A resident of the County of Suffolk who is a veteran of the United States Armed Forces.
- [(6)] (7) A resident of the County of Suffolk.

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### **Section 3. Applicability.**

This law shall apply to all rentals, leases, and licenses entered into 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)(26) 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 routine or continuing administration and management not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment 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: June 18, 2019

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Dennis M. Cohen  
Chief Deputy County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: July 3, 2019

After a public hearing duly held on July 3, 2019  
Filed with the Secretary of State on July 17, 2019