

**STRICKEN END OF YEAR 2019**

Intro. Res. No. 1749-2019  
Introduced by Legislator Trotta

Laid on Table 9/4/2019

**RESOLUTION NO. -2019, ADOPTING LOCAL LAW NO.  
-2019, A LOCAL LAW TO ELIMINATE ALARM REGISTRATION  
AND RENEWAL FEES FOR RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS**

**WHEREAS**, there was duly presented and introduced to this County Legislature at a meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_, 2019, a proposed local law entitled, "**A LOCAL LAW TO ELIMINATE ALARM REGISTRATION AND RENEWAL FEES FOR RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS**"; now, therefore be it

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

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

**A LOCAL LAW TO ELIMINATE ALARM REGISTRATION AND  
RENEWAL FEES FOR RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS**

**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. 42-2015 established a requirement that homeowners and businesses in the Suffolk County Police District obtain a permit from the Police Department to operate their alarm systems.

This Legislature also finds and determines that Local Law No. 42-2015 also established an annual alarm fee and false alarm fees.

This Legislature further finds and determines that Local Law No. 33-2016 amended the false alarm fee schedule to make registration of alarm systems a biennial requirement.

This Legislature finds that requiring a fee to register a residential alarm system penalizes residents for valuing the safety of their homes and families unnecessarily.

This Legislature also finds that the alarm registration fee and renewal fees should be eliminated for residential buildings.

Therefore, the purpose of this law is to amend Article II of Chapter 290 of the SUFFOLK COUNTY CODE to eliminate the alarm registration and renewal fees for residential buildings.

**Section 2. Amendments.**

Chapter 290 of the SUFFOLK COUNTY CODE is hereby amended as follows:

**CHAPTER 290. ALARMS.**

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## Article II. Permits.

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### **§ 290-8. Registration and renewal fees; permit term; renewal.**

- A. No permit, or any renewal thereof, shall be issued for non-residential alarm owners by the Department until payment is received from the alarm owner.
- B. All permits issued by the Department shall expire two years from the date of issuance and are required to be renewed on a biennial basis. The Department shall notify an alarm owner electronically or in writing 60 days in advance of a renewal; however, it shall be the duty of the alarm owner to submit a renewal application prior to the expiration date of any permit issued by the Department. Such renewal application shall contain such information as is required by the Department.
- C. The registration fee for an alarm system permit shall be \$[5]0 for a residential building and \$100 for a nonresidential building.
- D. Failure of an alarm owner to pay a renewal fee prior to the date of expiration of a permit shall result in a late fee in the amount of \$10, in addition to the amount of the renewal fee. In the event an alarm owner fails to pay the renewal fee within 30 days of expiration, the permit shall be deemed expired and the alarm owner shall be required to obtain a new permit in accordance with this article. An alarm owner who has allowed his/her permit to expire and receives a notification of a false alarm without obtaining a new permit shall be subject to the false alarm fees set forth in § 290-9B below.
- E. The biennial renewal fee shall be \$[5]0 for a residential building and \$100 for a nonresidential building. [The biennial renewal fee for residential buildings owned by registrants who are 70 years of age or over shall be \$25.]

### **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)(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 on January 1, 2020.

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

DATED:

APPROVED BY:

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County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: