

RESOLUTION NO. 928 -2020, ADOPTING LOCAL LAW NO. 53-2020, A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND THE SUFFOLK COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE TO REQUIRE THAT ALL EMPLOYEES RECEIVE THE COUNTY CODE OF ETHICS REGULARLY

WHEREAS, there was duly presented and introduced to this County Legislature at a meeting held on October 6, 2020, a proposed local law entitled, "**A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND THE SUFFOLK COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE TO REQUIRE THAT ALL EMPLOYEES RECEIVE THE COUNTY CODE OF ETHICS REGULARLY**"; now, therefore be it

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

LOCAL LAW NO. 53-2020, SUFFOLK COUNTY, NEW YORK

A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND OF THE SUFFOLK COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE TO REQUIRE THAT ALL EMPLOYEES RECEIVE THE COUNTY CODE OF ETHICS REGULARLY

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 the New York State Comptroller released a 2020 Ethics Oversight Report ("Report") which identified opportunities for Suffolk County to enhance its ethics oversight.

This Legislature also finds and determines that the Report recommends that the County require all employees receive and attest to receipt of a copy of the Code of Ethics upon commencing their employment with the County and at least once every five (5) years thereafter.

Therefore, the purpose of this law is to amend Article XXX of the SUFFOLK COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE to require that all County employees receive and attest to the receipt of the Code of Ethics upon commencement of their employment and every five (5) years thereafter.

Section 2. Amendments.

Article XXX of the SUFFOLK COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE is hereby amended as follows:

ARTICLE XXX

BOARD OF ETHICS

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§ A30-2. Training and Education.

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D. All County employees hired or qualified to serve by the County of Suffolk after the effective date of this article shall receive the ethics booklet prepared by the Board [at their orientation session and] upon commencement of their employment. Employees shall also receive a booklet copy of the ethics booklet prepared by the Board at least once every five (5) years. All employees shall sign a statement that they have received the booklet and understand that they must abide by the conflict of interest rules contained therein during their employment with the County each time the booklet is provided to them. Such statement(s) shall be maintained in the employee's personnel file.

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Section 3. Applicability.

This law shall apply to all County employees hired or serving 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), (27) and (33) 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 in that the action constitutes 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: December 1, 2020

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: December 16, 2020

After a public hearing duly held on December 14, 2020
Filed with the Secretary of State on December 23, 2020