

RESOLUTION NO. 927 -2020, ADOPTING LOCAL LAW NO. 52-2020, A CHARTER LAW TO REQUIRE ANNUAL TRAINING FOR BOARD OF ETHICS MEMBERS

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 CHARTER LAW TO REQUIRE ANNUAL TRAINING FOR BOARD OF ETHICS MEMBERS”**; now, therefore be it

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

LOCAL LAW NO. 52-2020, SUFFOLK COUNTY, NEW YORK

A CHARTER LAW TO REQUIRE ANNUAL TRAINING FOR BOARD OF ETHICS MEMBERS

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 conducted an audit of the County’s ethics oversight procedures and identified opportunities for Suffolk County to enhance its oversight procedures.

This Legislature also finds and determines that the members of the Suffolk County Board of Ethics should be trained annually on the provisions of law relating to conflicts of interest and ethics which they are charged with administering.

Therefore, the purpose of this law is to amend Article XXX of the SUFFOLK COUNTY CHARTER to require that all Board of Ethics members complete annual trainings.

Section 2. Amendment.

Article XXX of the SUFFOLK COUNTY CHARTER is hereby amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE XXX

BOARD OF ETHICS

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§ 30-6. Training Requirements.

All members of the Board shall receive a minimum of two (2) hours of training annually on all applicable provisions of law relating to conflicts of interest and ethics at the Federal, State, and County level which are necessary for the discharge of their duties. The training shall be provided by either the County Law Department or through an outside counsel/trainer selected via a competitive request for proposals.

Section 3. Applicability.

This law shall apply to all Board of Ethics members 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 7. Effective Date.

This law shall take effect immediately upon 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