

RESOLUTION NO. 681-2021, DIRECTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A WEBPAGE AND PRINTABLE RESOURCE GUIDE TO PROVIDE INFORMATION TO LOCAL SMALL BUSINESSES

WHEREAS, Suffolk County is home to thousands of small businesses owned and operated by Suffolk County residents; and

WHEREAS, many small businesses throughout Suffolk County would benefit from resource information to aid in their efforts to operate more effectively and efficiently; and

WHEREAS, the County Department of Economic Development and Planning has a wealth of information relating to the local economy which would be of great benefit to small business owners throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Economic Development and Planning and the Department of Information Technology should work jointly to establish a webpage specifically tailored to provide important resource information to small businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Economic Development and Planning should also create a companion printable resource guide small business can retain on hand; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that the Department of Economic Development and Planning and the Department of Information Technology are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to work jointly to develop a webpage specifically tailored to providing important resources, information and updates to small businesses located in Suffolk County; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED, that on the small business information webpage the Department of Economic Development and Planning shall provide information including, but not limited to, small business-related rules and regulations within the State and County, grant opportunities, potential funding sources, loan opportunities and small business administration information, as well as contact information for the department(s) able to provide assistance; and be it further

3rd RESOLVED, that the link to the small business resource information webpage shall be prominently displayed at the top of the main website for the Department of Economic Development and Planning; and be it further

4th RESOLVED, that the Department of Economic Development and Planning is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to develop a printable resource guide in PDF format for small businesses which will contain information including, but not limited to, small business related rules and regulations within the State and County, grant opportunities, potential funding sources, loan opportunities and small business administration information, as well as contact information for the department(s) able to provide assistance; and be it further

5th RESOLVED, that the link to the printable resource guide shall be prominently displayed at the top of the small business information webpage; and be it further

6th **RESOLVED**, that the webpage and printable resource guide shall be fully designed and operational within 180 days of the effective date of this Resolution; and be it further

7th **RESOLVED**, that the Department of Economic Development shall review and update the small business information website and printable resource guide for accuracy and completeness no less than annually; and be it further

8th **RESOLVED**, that this Legislature, being the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) lead agency, hereby finds and determines that this resolution constitutes a Type II action pursuant to Section 617.5(c)(26) 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 insofar as these actions constitute routine or continuing administration and management not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment, and 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 resolution.

DATED: September 9, 2021

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: September 21, 2021