

**RESOLUTION NO. -2022, ADOPTING LOCAL LAW
NO. -2022, A LOCAL LAW TO ESTABLISH AN
INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR OF THE TRAFFIC CONTROL
SIGNAL MONITORING PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, there was duly presented and introduced to this County Legislature at a meeting held on , 2022, a proposed local law entitled, "**A LOCAL LAW TO ESTABLISH AN INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR OF THE TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL MONITORING PROGRAM**"; now, therefore be it

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

LOCAL LAW NO. -2022, SUFFOLK COUNTY, NEW YORK

**A LOCAL LAW TO ESTABLISH AN INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR OF
THE TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL MONITORING PROGRAM**

**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 County of Suffolk currently operates a traffic control signal monitoring program to address violations of red-light controls on County roadways.

This Legislature also finds and determines that the program is managed on the technical end by the Department of Public Works and adjudicated by the Traffic and Parking Violations Agency. A third-party contractor operates the actual cameras and issues violations on behalf of the County.

This Legislature further finds and determines that the program is being operated with limited communication among the parties, leading to issues associated with the administration, review and operation of the program.

This Legislature finds that the County should have a single designated individual to oversee the program as a whole, ensuring that appropriate review and supervision of both technical and operational elements of this program are met.

This Legislature determines that this individual should be tasked with ensuring that the locations of cameras under this program are appropriate, reviewed with regularity, that the operation of the Traffic and Parking Violations Agency as it relates to this program comport with the policy objectives established by this Legislature, and that the various vendors, departments and agencies communicate and work collaboratively to improve the public safety of this program.

Therefore, the purpose of this law is to establish an independent Director of the Traffic Control Signal Monitoring Program to provide greater oversight, transparency and efficient operation of this public safety program.

Section 2. Amendments.

Chapter 818 of the SUFFOLK COUNTY CODE is hereby amended to include the following new section as follows:

**Chapter 818.
Vehicles and Traffic.**

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Article VII. Traffic Control Signal Monitoring System.

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§ 818-59. Director of Traffic Control Signal Monitoring Program

- A. There is hereby established a Director of the Suffolk County Traffic Control Signal Monitoring Program ("Director"), who shall oversee the administration of this program, including oversight of the vendor selected to operate cameras on behalf of the County, the coordination of the Department of Public Works and the Traffic and Parking Violations Agency in association with this program, and ensuring compliance with all policy directives established by the County.
- B. The Director shall have a background in civil engineering, with knowledge of statistics, and experience in program management, operations and oversight.
- C. The Director shall be charged with the following functions:

 - 1. Overseeing the County vendor who operates the traffic control signal monitoring program cameras.
 - 2. Ensuring annual review by the Department of Public Works of all intersections monitored under this program and related adjustment of camera locations and safety initiatives for intersections that show increased rates of accidents.
 - 3. Ensuring effective communication between the vendor, Department of Public Works and Traffic and Parking Violations Agency to ensure that the public safety focus of this program is adhered to.
 - 4. Monitor and ensure compliance with all policy directives associated with this program established by the County.
- D. The Director shall be selected and appointed by a duly authorized resolution of the County Legislature.
- E. The Director shall be compensated from revenues obtained through violations of this program.

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 immediately upon its filing in the Office of the Secretary of State.

___ Underlining denotes addition of new language

DATED:

APPROVED BY:

County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: