

Statement of Financial Impact on Proposed Suffolk County Legislation

IR Number: 1713 **IR Year:** 2015

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Title of Proposed Resolution:

Adopting Local Law No. -2015, A Local Law to regulate smoking at multiple dwelling buildings.

Purpose and Intent of Proposed Legislation:

The proposed local law amends Chapter 754 (Smoking) of the Suffolk County Code to add a smoking prohibition for common areas of multiple dwelling buildings, defined in the legislation as any property with 10 or more dwelling units, and within a 50-foot radius of entrances and exits, and within 50 feet of any ventilation intake that serves an enclosed area of a multiple dwelling building.

Penalties for offenses remain the same, with a \$250 civil fine for individual violations. In addition to the civil penalties, willful violations by owners, operators, lessees, and lessors constitute unclassified misdemeanors, carrying a \$1,000 fine and/or six months in jail.

Detailed Explanation of Fiscal Impact:

There may be a minimal fiscal impact to Suffolk County in 2016; there will be no fiscal impact in 2015. The net impact will be the difference between any fines collected and the cost of enforcement, development, and promulgation of any regulations needed to enforce the local law.

Multiple dwelling buildings may prohibit smoking as a matter of policy under current New York State law; it is unknown how many sites would be impacted by the proposed local law. The current version of Chapter 754 may also be enforced in multiple dwelling buildings if employees of the building are subject to secondhand smoke in common areas or at entrances.

If applicable, what is the comparison cost if this is undertaken in-house, compared to an outside contractor or vendor?

Not applicable.

Total Financial Cost and timing over five years on each affected political or other subdivision:

There will be no cost in 2015, with an indeterminate cost (or benefit) in 2016 and beyond.

Proposed Source of Funding:

There is no proposed source of funding contained in the local law; however, Chapter 754 already contains possible fines for violators of the amended local law.

Total Estimated Financial Impact on all Funds, tax rates, and property tax:

There will be no cost in 2015, with an indeterminate minimal cost (or benefit) in

2016 and beyond.

Total Estimated Financial Impact on Suffolk County's economy including the impact on goods or services, economic development, small business activity, employment opportunities and overall business activity:

None.

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