Intro. Res. No. 1812-2011 Laid on Table 9/15/2011
Introduced by Presiding Officer Lindsay

RESOLUTION NO. 823 -2011, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 206-2006, ESTABLISHING AN APPLICATION FEE WAIVER POLICY FOR CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 206-2006 established an application fee waiver policy for eligible candidates who are unemployed, and/or recipients of either Medicaid, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families, or Food Stamps; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of Resolution No. 206-2006 was to promote greater access to employment opportunities for low-income residents and help alleviate the strain on social service programs by encouraging self-sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, the police exam attracts mostly young people due to eligibility requirements; and

WHEREAS, recent high school and college graduates automatically qualify for fee waivers based on the definition of "unemployment" whether or not they fit into the intended target groups; and

WHEREAS, the County relies on revenue from exam fees to offset the costs to the taxpayer of exam proctors, facility rental, and the psychological and physical evaluation components of the exam, increased printing, and other expenses associated with administering the police exam; and

WHEREAS, there were 30,754 applicants for the Police Officer exam held on June 11, 2011; and

WHEREAS, there were 8,848 fee waivers granted, which is approximately 29% of all applicants; and

WHEREAS, only 67% of the applicants that obtained fee waivers appeared to take the exam on June 11, 2011; and

WHEREAS, candidates who paid the exam fee had a much higher attendance rate; and

WHEREAS, the County must expend taxpayer monies to hire exam proctors and provide ample supplies to accommodate 100% of the applicants; and

WHEREAS, it is not in the best interest of the taxpayers of Suffolk County to incur the costs of holding exams for candidates who do not pay the fee and do not attend the exam; now, therefore be it

1st **RESOLVED**, that the 1st RESOLVED clause of Resolution No. 206-2006 is hereby amended as follows:

1st RESOLVED, that the County of Suffolk is hereby establishing an application fee waiver policy for eligible candidates who are unemployed <u>and primarily</u>

responsible for the support of a household, and/or recipients of either Medicaid, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families, or Food Stamps; and be it further;

and be it further

2nd **RESOLVED**, that the 2nd RESOLVED clause of Resolution No. 206-2006 is hereby amended as follows:

> **2nd RESOLVED**, that such fees shall be waived for candidates who certify to the Suffolk County Department of Civil Service that they are unemployed (as defined in Section 50 5b of New York State Civil Service Law) and primarily responsible for the support of a household, and/or recipients of either Medicaid, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families, or Food Stamps; and be it further

and be it further

3rd **RESOLVED**, that, pursuant to Section C6-2 of the Suffolk County Charter, the Personnel Officer, as Director of the Department of Human Resources, Personnel and Civil Service, is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed, to issue such regulations as he deems necessary to implement this Resolution; and be it further

4th **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 §§617.5(c)(20) and (27), of Title 6 of New York Code of Rules and Regulations (6 NYCRR) and within the meaning of § 8-0109(2) of the New York Environmental Conservation Law as a promulgation of regulations, rules, policies, procedures and legislative decisions in connection with continuing agency administration, management and information collection. 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.

___ Underlining denotes addition of new language

DATED: OCT 1 1 2011

APPROVED BY:

County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: OCT 1 9 2011

SUFFOLK COUNTY
County Legislature
RIVERHEAD, NY

This is to Certify That I, TIM LAUBE, Clerk of the County Legislature of the County of Suffolk, have compared the foregoing copy of resolution with the original resolution now on file in this office, and which was duly adopted by the County Legislature of said County on October 11, 2011 and that the same is a true and correct transcript of said resolution and of the whole thereof.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the official seal of the County Legislature of the County of Suffolk.

Tim Laube

Clerk of the Legislature

Intro. Res. 1812 Res. No. 823 October 11, 2011

Motion:
Romaine, Schneiderman, Browning, Muratore, Anker
Eddington, Montano, Cilmi, Lindsay, Viloria-Fisher, Barraga,
Kennedy, Nowick, Horsley, Gregory, Stern, D'Amaro, Cooper

Co-Sponsors:
Romaine, Schneiderman, Browning, Muratore, Anker
Eddington, Montano, Cilmi, Lindsay, Viloria-Fisher, Barraga,
Kennedy, Nowick, Horsley, Gregory, Stern, D'Amaro, Cooper

Second:
Romaine, Schneiderman, Browning, Muratore, Anker
Eddington, Montano, Cilmi, Lindsay, Viloria-Fisher, Barraga,
Kennedy, Nowick, Horsley, Gregory, Stern, D'Amaro, Cooper

LD	Legislator	Yes	No	Abs	NP	R
1	Edward P. ROMAINE	✓				
2	Jay H. SCHNEIDERMAN	✓				
3	Kate M. BROWNING	✓				
4	Thomas MURATORE	✓				
6	Sarah S. ANKER	✓				
7	Jack EDDINGTON	✓				
9	Ricardo MONTANO	✓				
10	Thomas CILMI	✓				
11	Thomas F. BARRAGA	✓				
12	John M. KENNEDY, JR.	✓				
13	Lynne C. NOWICK	✓				
14	Wayne R. HORSLEY	✓				
15	DuWayne GREGORY	✓				
16	Steven H. STERN	✓				
17	Lou D'AMARO	✓				
18	Jon COOPER	✓				
5	Vivian VILORIA-FISHER, D.P.O.				✓	
8	William J. LINDSAY, P.O.	✓				
	Totals	17	—		1	—

MOTION
✓ Approve
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____ Lay On The Table
____ Discharge
____ Take Out of Order
____ Reconsider
____ Waive Rule ____
____ Override Veto
____ Close
____ Recess
APPROVED ✓ FAILED ____
No Motion ____ No Second ____

RESOLUTION DECLARED
✓ ADOPTED
____ NOT ADOPTED

Tim Laube

Tim Laube, Clerk of the Legislature

Roll Call ____ Voice Vote ✓