

**RESOLUTION NO. 198 -2014, ADOPTING LOCAL LAW
NO. 10 -2014, A LOCAL LAW RESTORING FINANCIAL
DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR FARMLAND
COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

WHEREAS, there was duly presented and introduced to this County Legislature at a meeting held on February 11, 2014, a proposed local law entitled, "**A LOCAL LAW RESTORING FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR FARMLAND COMMITTEE MEMBERS**;" now, therefore be it

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

**LOCAL LAW NO. 10 -2014, SUFFOLK COUNTY, NEW YORK
A LOCAL LAW RESTORING FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE
REQUIREMENTS FOR FARMLAND COMMITTEE 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 Local Law No. 54-2011 established financial disclosure requirements for members of the Farmland Committee.

This Legislature further finds that Local Law No. 44-2013 made many positive changes to the County's farmland program, but inadvertently imposed burdensome financial disclosure requirements upon members of the Farmland Committee.

This Legislature finds that it is necessary to restore financial disclosure rules for Farmland Committee members that are commensurate with their status as civilian volunteers.

Therefore, the purpose of this law is to restore the financial disclosure requirements for Farmland Committee members as originally established by Local Law No. 54-2011.

Section 2. Amendments.

Subsection (C) of § 8-4 of the SUFFOLK COUNTY CODE is hereby repealed and replaced as follows:

- C. Financial Disclosure.** Each committee member shall submit the financial disclosure statement that is annexed to this law and Chapter as Exhibit "A". Committee members shall submit this disclosure statement to the Suffolk County Board of Ethics, or any successor body, by May 15th of each year.

Section 3. Applicability.

This law shall apply to 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)(20), (21), and/or (27) 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 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 law.

Section 6. Effective Date.

This law shall take effect immediately upon filing in the Office of the Secretary of State.

___ Underlining denotes addition of new language

DATED: March 19, 2014

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: April 10, 2014

After a public hearing duly held on April 1, 2014
Filed with the Secretary of State on April 24, 2014