

WITHDRAWN AS OF 2/24/2015

Intro. Res. No. 2084-2014
Introduced by Legislator Muratore

Laid on Table 12/2/2014

**RESOLUTION NO. -2015, ADOPTING LOCAL LAW
NO. -2015, A LOCAL LAW TO SAVE TAXPAYER
DOLLARS ON COUNTY SIGNS AND PRINTED PUBLICATIONS**

WHEREAS, there was duly presented and introduced to this County Legislature at a meeting held on December 2, 2014, a proposed local law entitled, "**A LOCAL LAW TO SAVE TAXPAYER DOLLARS ON COUNTY SIGNS AND PRINTED PUBLICATIONS;**" now, therefore be it

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

LOCAL LAW NO. -2015, SUFFOLK COUNTY, NEW YORK

**A LOCAL LAW TO SAVE TAXPAYER DOLLARS ON COUNTY
SIGNS AND PRINTED PUBLICATIONS**

**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 produces thousands of pages of printed material each year, including brochures, forms and other necessary publications.

This Legislature also finds and determines that many of these documents contain the names of County elected and appointed officials.

This Legislature further finds and determines that each time a new elected or appointed County official enters public office, the printed materials from the previous official are discarded and documents with the name of the new official are printed.

This Legislature finds that this system of printing materials each time a new official takes office is a waste of taxpayer dollars and environmental resources.

This Legislature determines that, in the interest of conserving County resources, publications, brochures and forms used in County Government should not contain the name of any appointed or elected official, except for letterhead and directory listings.

This Legislature also finds that removing the names of elected and appointed officials from County publications will also prevent the use of those documents as free advertising.

This Legislature further finds that the names of elected and appointed officials are also listed on signs by the entrances to County parks and other County facilities.

This Legislature determines that the County wastes valuable taxpayer dollars on changing these signs when new officials enter office as well.

This Legislature finds that the names of elected and appointed officials on most signs in the County are unnecessary and that ending this continued practice will save precious County resources.

Therefore, the purpose of this law is to require that all signs publications, brochures and forms used in County Government do not contain the names of any elected or appointed officials.

Section 2. Requirements.

No sign, printed publication, brochure, or form used by the County of Suffolk shall contain the name of any elected or appointed County official.

Section 3. Exemptions.

This requirement shall not apply to individual or departmental letterhead, directory listings or directory signs.

Section 4. Applicability.

This law shall apply to all materials printed or signs erected on or after the effective date of this law.

Section 5. 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 6. 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 7. Effective Date.

This law shall take effect ninety (90) days subsequent to its filing in the Office of the Secretary of State.

DATED:

APPROVED BY:

County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: