

**RESOLUTION NO. 271 -2016, CLARIFYING COUNTY POLICY
WAIVING CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION FEES FOR FIRE
DISTRICT AND AMBULANCE COMPANY VOLUNTEERS**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 254-2008 established a policy waiving civil service examination fees for volunteer firefighters and emergency service technicians (EMT's) serving our local communities; and

WHEREAS, the legislative intent of Resolution No. 254-2008 was to waive civil service fees for all volunteers serving in local fire and ambulance companies; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Human Resources, Personnel and Civil Service has construed Resolution No. 254-2008 narrowly; for example, the Department would not waive the examination fees for a volunteer in an ambulance company because he was not a certified EMT but rather drives an ambulance; and

WHEREAS, all persons volunteering their time and effort in fire and ambulance companies should receive the benefits of the policy established by Resolution No. 254-2008; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that the 1st RESOLVED clause of Resolution No. 254-2008 is hereby amended as follows:

1st RESOLVED, that the County of Suffolk hereby establishes an application fee waiver policy for eligible candidates who are [volunteer firefighters and EMTs] members in good standing of their local fire district or ambulance company, and are residents of Suffolk County; and be it further

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2nd RESOLVED, that the 2nd RESOLVED clause of Resolution No. 254-2008 is hereby amended as follows:

2nd RESOLVED, that such fees shall be waived for candidates who submit a valid volunteer firefighter or EMT identification card or a letter from the chief of the fire department or ambulance company which the candidate is affiliated with, affirming that said candidate is a volunteer and a member in good standing in his or her organization; and be it further

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3rd 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 Section 617.5(c)(20), (21) and (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, and 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

[] Brackets denotes deletion of language

DATED: April 12, 2016

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: April 20, 2016