

**RESOLUTION NO. -2016, ADOPTING LOCAL LAW
NO. -2016, A LOCAL LAW SUSPENDING THE RED LIGHT
CAMERA PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, there was duly presented and introduced to this County Legislature at a meeting held on _____, 2016, a proposed local law entitled, "**A LOCAL LAW SUSPENDING THE RED LIGHT CAMERA PROGRAM**"; now, therefore, be it

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

LOCAL LAW NO. -2016, SUFFOLK COUNTY, NEW YORK

**A LOCAL LAW SUSPENDING THE RED LIGHT CAMERA
PROGRAM**

**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. 20-2009 established the red light camera demonstration program in Suffolk County and, under New York State Law, the County is now authorized to install and operate traffic-control signal photo violation-monitoring systems at 100 intersections.

This Legislature further finds that the proponents of the red light camera program argued that it would reduce the incidence of red light running and prevent "T-bone" intersection collisions. However, 70% of the tickets issued under this program are for unlawful right turns against a red light.

This Legislature also determines that many Suffolk County citizens believe the main purpose of the red light camera program is to generate revenues for the County, not protect public safety.

This Legislature also finds that the County has received persistent complaints about the timing of the traffic signals at monitored locations (i.e. the duration of the yellow signal is too short) and the criteria utilized for siting the red light cameras.

This Legislature concludes that the public has lost confidence in the efficacy and integrity of the red light camera program and, therefore, this demonstration program should be suspended.

Therefore, the purpose of this local law is to suspend the red light camera program indefinitely to afford the County an opportunity to study the program and consider changes that will restore public confidence in the program.

Section 2. Suspension of the Red Light Camera Program.

The red light camera program authorized by Local Law No. 20-2009, Local Law No. 40-2012 and Article 7 of Chapter 818 of the SUFFOLK COUNTY CODE, shall be suspended immediately upon the effective date of this local law.

Section 3. Cancellation of Contract.

The Department of Public Works and the Suffolk County Attorney are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to provide notice to Xerox State and Local Solutions, Inc. of the County's intention to terminate its contract for red light camera safety program enforcement upon the effective date of this local law.

Section 4. Applicability.

This law shall apply to actions occurring 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 on January 1, 2017.

DATED:

APPROVED BY:

County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: