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Steve Levy
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

December 27, 2011

Presiding Officer William J. Lindsay and
Members of the Suffolk County Legislature
William H. Rogers Legislative Building
725 Veterans Memorial Highway
Smithtown, New York 11787

**RE: RESOLUTION NO. 1222-2011, A LOCAL LAW TO INCREASE TAX MAP
VERIFICATION FEES**

Dear Presiding Officer Lindsay and Members of the Legislature:

**I AM RETURNING HEREIN RESOLUTION 1222 -2011, A LOCAL LAW TO
INCREASE TAX MAP VERIFICATION FEES** vetoed in its entirety.

These are extraordinarily hard conditions our taxpayers are facing. Too many of our residents are losing their jobs, paying more into their benefits and some even seeing their pensions reduced. Major tax and fee increases are the last thing our residents wish to see in these very difficult economic times.

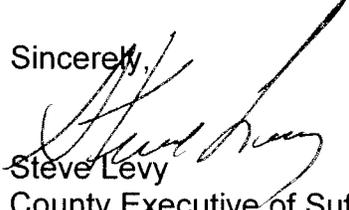
The tax and fee increases passed by the Legislature over the past month were, and are, avoidable. Had we simply closed the nursing home by January 1st and required employees to contribute to their healthcare, as I recommended in my proposed budget, the taxpayers could be given a break.

Over the last month the Legislature increased the property tax, removed the cap on gasoline taxes, increased fees charged to individuals seeking access to our parks; increased fees for services provided to the public through our Medical Examiner's office and our County Clerk's office, and increased fees for individuals seeking applications to our Suffolk County Planning Commission. Additionally, the Legislature is poised to vote for a \$0.50 increase in bus fares, which has a disproportionately high impact on the poor and working class.

Hopefully, the Legislature can work in the upcoming year toward moving the huge losses of the nursing home off of our books and require employees to pay a fair share into their healthcare costs. Every month that goes by without these measures being implemented is millions of dollars that are wasted. We cannot tax and fee our way out of difficult economic times.

For these reasons, I urge the Legislature to sustain my veto.

Sincerely,



Steve Levy

County Executive of Suffolk County

Intro. Res. No. 2031-2011

Laid on Table 11/22/2011

Introduced by Presiding Officer Lindsay, Deputy Presiding Officer Vilorio-Fisher and Legislators Cooper, Gregory, Kennedy, Montano, Nowick, Schneiderman

**RESOLUTION NO. 1222 -2011, ADOPTING LOCAL LAW
NO. -2011, A LOCAL LAW TO INCREASE TAX MAP
VERIFICATION FEES**

WHEREAS, there was duly presented and introduced to this County Legislature at a meeting held on November 22, 2011, a proposed local law entitled, "A LOCAL LAW TO INCREASE TAX MAP VERIFICATION FEES;" now, therefore be it

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

LOCAL LAW NO. -2011, SUFFOLK COUNTY, NEW YORK

A LOCAL LAW TO INCREASE TAX MAP VERIFICATION FEES

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 2012 Operating Budget includes revenue from increased tax map verification fees charged by the County Clerk.

Therefore, the purpose of this law is increase tax map verification fees to offset administration expenses in the Office of the County Clerk.

Section 2. Amendments.

Section A18-3 of the SUFFOLK COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE is hereby amended as follows:

§ A18-3. Verified identification numbers required on all instruments filed pertaining to title of land.

G. The Director of the Real Property Tax Service Agency is entitled, for the verification of Tax Map numbers upon instruments presented for recording or filing, to [the following] a fee of \$60.00 per parcel, payable to the County Clerk at the time of recording or filing. For each temporary or dummy number assigned, the fees will be charged as outlined in Subsections C(1) and (2) above.

- (1) [Where the instrument refers to but one identifiable parcel and one parcel number is endorsed: \$30.
- (2) For each additional parcel, up to \$20.00 for each such parcel, up to a total dollar amount not to exceed \$1,400.

(3) For each temporary or dummy number assigned, the fees will be charged as outlined in Subsection C(1) and (2) above.]

Section 3. Applicability.

This law shall apply to all 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.

[] Brackets denote deletion of existing language
___ Underlining denotes addition of new language

DATED: December 20, 2011

~~APPROVED BY:~~


County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: DEC 27 2011

Intro. Res.

2031

Res. No.

1222

December 20, 2011

Motion:

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

Co-Sponsors:

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

Second:

Romaine, Schneiderman, Browning, Muratore, Anker
Eddington, Montano, Cilmi, Lindsay, Vilorio-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.					
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No Motion _____ No Second _____

RESOLUTION DECLARED
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Tim Laube

Roll Call _____ Voice Vote