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SUFFOLK LEGISLATURE

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## GENERAL MEETING ACTION HIGHLIGHTS

Next meeting Tuesday, December 20, 9:30 a.m., Hauppauge

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### GENERAL MEETING REPORT, RIVERHEAD

#### HOT TOPICS

1. **Securitization of tobacco suit settlement monies authorized.**
2. **Cap on the county's sales tax on gasoline repealed.**
3. **Hardship criteria for real property redemptions expanded.**
4. **The time animal abuse offenders must remain on the county's Animal Abuse Offenders Registry extended from five to 10 years.**
5. **Term of the Welfare to Work Commission extended to 2021.**
6. **Rabbi Steven Moss reappointed as chairman of the Suffolk County Human Rights Commission.**

#### BILLS OF INTEREST VOTED ON INCLUDED:

**IR 1963** A local law to authorize the sale of the County's ownership in the residual trust established under the agreement between the Wilmington Trust Company and Suffolk Tobacco Asset Securitization Corporation approved. (Lindsay)

**IR 1815** Extending the term of the Welfare to Work Commission approved. (Browning)

**IR 1810** A local law to increase the time animal abuse offenders must remain on the county's Animal Abuse Offenders Registry approved. (Cooper)

**IR 1897** A local law to expand the hardship criteria for real property exemptions approved. (Browning)

**IR 1964** Authorizing the repeal of the cap on the county's tax on gasoline approved. (Lindsay)

Public hearings held at this meeting included:

**I.R. 1605** – A Local Law to extend prompt payment policy to attorneys providing services pursuant to Article 18-B of New York County Law. (Montano) *Ways & Means* **(Recessed)**

**I.R. 1704** – A Local Law to prohibit elected officials from publishing or allowing the publication of their names in advertisements for any County funded or sponsored program or event. (Co. Exec.) *Ways & Means* **(Recessed)**

**I.R. 1716** – A Local Law to reduce the use of disposable bags by retail stores. (Viloria-Fisher) *Environment, Planning & Agriculture* **(Closed)**

**I.R. 1729** – A Charter Law to amend the Drinking Water Program to Fund Remediation of Contaminated Commercial Sites. (Cilmi) *Environment, Planning & Agriculture* **(Closed)**

- I.R. 1922** – A Local Law to ensure the integrity and eligibility of prescription labels in Suffolk County. (Cooper) *Health & Human Services (Closed)*
- I.R. 1923** – A Charter Law to authorize the use of Development Rights for Smart Growth, Community Development and Job Creation. (Lindsay) *Environment, Planning & Agriculture (Closed)*
- I.R. 1924** – A Local Law to broaden enforcement of the County's Outdoor Wood-Burning Furnace Laws. (Eddington) *Public Safety (Closed)*
- I.R. 1936** – A Charter Law to ensure funding for Sewer Infrastructure Improvements. (Horsley) *Environment, Planning & Agriculture (Closed)*
- I.R. 1965** – A Local Law to eliminate Planning Commission Verbatim Minutes. (Viloria-Fisher) *Environment, Planning & Agriculture (Closed)*
- I.R. 1968** – A Local Law to protect public safety at reproductive health care centers. (Viloria-Fisher) *Public Safety (Closed)*
- I.R. 1969** - A Local Law to amend the selection process for certain members of the Portable Fire Extinguishing and Automatic Fire Extinguishing Systems Licensing Board. (Co. Exec) *Public Safety (Closed)*
- I.R. 1970** – A Charter Law to ensure appropriate representation of the ten Towns on the Suffolk County Planning Commission. (Romaine) *Environment, Planning & Agriculture (Closed)*
- I.R. 1983** – A Charter Law to Increase Public Accountability in Budget Process. (Cilmi) *Budget & Finance/Information Technology (Closed)*
- I.R. 1997** – A Charter Law to ban Community College Chargebacks to the Towns. (Romaine) *Budget & Finance/Information Technology (Closed)*
- I.R. 2000** – A Local Law to establish a public registry of unscrupulous home improvement contractors in Suffolk County ("Contractors Wall of Shame"). (Cooper) *Labor, Housing & Consumer Protection (Closed)*
- I.R. 2003** – A Local Law to facilitate emergency housing of sex offenders in non-residential areas. (Schneiderman) *Health & Human Services (Closed)*
- I.R. 2029** – A Local Law to protect air quality in Suffolk County. (Romaine) *Health & Human Services (Closed)*
- I.R. 2030** – A Charter Law to improve the process for adopting the County's Operating Budget. (Romaine) *Budget & Finance/Information Technology (Closed)*
- I.R. 2031** – A Local Law to increase Tax Map Verification Fees. (Lindsay) *Ways & Means (Closed)*
- I.R. 2032** – A Local Law to increase Medical Examiner Fees. (Lindsay) *Health & Human Services (Closed)*
- I.R. 2033** – A Local Law to increase certain Subscription Service Fees in Real Property Tax Service Agency. (Lindsay) *Ways & Means (Closed)*
- I.R. 2034** – A Local Law to increase Application Fees to the Suffolk County Planning Commission. (Lindsay) *Environment, Planning & Agriculture (Closed)*
- I.R. 2035** – A Local Law to increase certain Administrative Fees for Probation Department. (Lindsay) *Public Safety (Closed)*
- I.R. 2036** – A Local Law to authorize advertising in the County Map Album and set Advertising

Rates. (Lindsay) *Ways & Means* **(Closed)**

**I.R. 2040** – A Charter Law consolidating functions within the Department of Planning. (Lindsay)  
*Ways & Means* **(Closed)**

**I.R. 2049** – A Local Law to eliminate stipend for Legislature's Deputy Presiding Officer.  
(Browning) *Ways & Means* **(Closed)**

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