

**RESOLUTION NO. 671 -2013, ENHANCING AFFORDABILITY,
PREDICTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY BY IMPLEMENTING
A NEW IMPACT ASSESSMENT FEE SCHEDULE**

WHEREAS, the Suffolk County Department of Public Works (“Department”) typically issues highway work permits when a new development or redevelopment occurs adjacent to a County roadway; and

WHEREAS, the Department also imposes an impact assessment fee on applicants generating 50 or more trips as a condition of a work permit based on the volume of traffic that will be generated by the development; and

WHEREAS, additionally, the Department sometimes requires property owners/developers generating less than 50 trips to make highway improvements in the vicinity of the site as a condition of a work permit; and

WHEREAS, the costs associated with such improvements can be significant and may, in fact, limit the potential success of such project by draining working capital; and

WHEREAS, requests for such improvements in some cases can be arbitrary and may be assessed after projected costs have been budgeted and, through no fault of the Department, after work has begun; and

WHEREAS, in some cases these costs potentially may result in the abandonment or eventual failure of needed development projects; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and prudent to implement a new impact assessment fee schedule that will streamline the Department’s highway work permitting process, provide transparency and cost certainty to applicants, and encourage growth and job creation; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that paragraph (F) of Section 948-14 of the SUFFOLK COUNTY CODE is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 948-14. Schedule of fees.

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F. The impact assessment fee shall be computed using the following Impact Assessment Schedule promulgated by the County Highway Superintendent pursuant to New York State Highway Law § 136(2), utilizing the highest two-way peak-hour drive traffic volumes as follows:

<u>Number of Vehicles in Highest Two-Way Peak Hour</u>	<u>Impact Assessment Fee</u>
0 to 10	\$0
11 to 25	\$25 x vehicles generated

<u>Number of Vehicles in Highest Two-Way Peak Hour</u>			<u>Impact Assessment Fee</u>
26	to	99	\$40 x vehicles generated
100	to	199	\$100 x vehicles generated
200	to	299	\$120 x vehicles generated
300	to	399	\$160 x vehicles generated
400	to	499	\$200 x vehicles generated
500	to	549	\$285 x vehicles generated
550	to	599	\$370 x vehicles generated
600	to	649	\$455 x vehicles generated
650	to	699	\$540 x vehicles generated
700	to	749	\$625 x vehicles generated
750	to	799	\$710 x vehicles generated
800	and	over	\$800 x vehicles generated

Note: The impact assessment calculation shall be a straight calculation based upon ITE (Institute of Traffic Engineers) data and will not utilize any trip credits.

and be it further

2nd 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.

DATED: September 12, 2013

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: September 20, 2013