

WITHDRAWN AS OF 12/23/2014

Intro. Res. No. 2055-2014
Introduced by Legislator Schneiderman

Laid on Table 11/18/2014

**RESOLUTION NO. -2014, ESTABLISHING
REQUIREMENTS FOR A SCHOOL SPEED ZONE CAMERA
PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, Suffolk successfully implemented a red light camera program in 2009; this program has discouraged drivers from running red lights and improved safety on the County's roadways; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Legislature enacted legislation earlier this year which authorizes Nassau County and Suffolk County to establish demonstration programs to utilize cameras to enforce speed limits in school zones; and

WHEREAS, the rollout of Nassau County's school speed zone demonstration program has encountered problems which have led to public opposition; and

WHEREAS, Suffolk County can and should take note of Nassau County's experience as it seeks to implement its own school speed zone program; and

WHEREAS, the County of Suffolk must demonstrate that the fundamental goal of the school speed zone program is not to generate revenue, but rather, to reduce speeding in school zones and thereby protect the safety of students and the public at large; and

WHEREAS, towards this end, Suffolk's program should give motorists fair warning when speed cameras are installed by a school; and

WHEREAS, the County of Suffolk should undertake a public awareness program to educate residents about the program and its benefits; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that any program established by the County of Suffolk to enforce speed limits in school speed zones through the use of cameras must include the following elements:

1. The installation of clearly visible signage at each camera location warning drivers that the speed limit in the school zone is photo enforced;
2. That no notice of liability shall issue for violations occurring during a period of student activities, occurring outside of regular school hours, unless the speed limit signs in a school speed zone are equipped with alternating flashing lights that are activated at the time of issuance;
3. A two (2) week grace period following the installation of each camera where drivers are notified when they exceed the posted speed limit but no penalty is imposed; and

4. A public awareness campaign whereby the County of Suffolk uses social media and public service announcements to notify the public of the program and start date of such program;

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:

APPROVED BY:

County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: