

RESOLUTION NO. 1012 -2015, DIRECTING THE SUFFOLK COUNTY TRAFFIC AND PARKING VIOLATIONS AGENCY TO INSTITUTE A PAYMENT PLAN PROGRAM FOR PARKING TICKETS

WHEREAS, Local Law No. 9-2013 established the Traffic and Parking Violations Agency ("TPVA") in Suffolk County to administer and dispose of traffic and parking violations in a more efficient manner; and

WHEREAS, despite improvements in the local economy, many lower and middle income residents continue to face challenges in making ends meet; and

WHEREAS, the fines, fees and surcharges resulting from traffic and parking tickets are often quite substantial and some residents cannot afford to give the full amount of those charges in one payment; and

WHEREAS, unpaid fines, fees and surcharges associated with traffic tickets are often not collected or prove costly to collect and can result in lost revenue for Suffolk County's government and taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, in order to alleviate undue financial burden and to encourage the full payment of fines, fees and surcharges attached to parking tickets, the TPVA should develop a payment plan that allows payment of fines, fees and surcharges over time and in installments; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that the Director of the TPVA is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to develop a payment program that will allow for the payment of fines, fees and surcharges for parking violations to be made as a series of smaller payments over a period of up to one year; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED, that the Director of the TPVA will submit the proposed payment program to the County Executive and the County Legislature within ninety (90) days of the effective date of this resolution; and be it further

3rd RESOLVED, that this proposed payment program will be implemented upon its approval by a separate duly enacted resolution of the County of Suffolk; and be it further

4th 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: December 1, 2015

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: December 16, 2015