

RESOLUTION NO. 818 -2015, DIRECTING THE SUFFOLK COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING AN ONLINE PRELIMINARY POLICE REPORT SYSTEM

WHEREAS, the Suffolk County Police Department provides services to the hundreds of thousands of residents living in the Police District; and

WHEREAS, police officers are charged with responding to situations that pose an imminent danger, as well as incidents that are less urgent in nature; and

WHEREAS, often, residents are faced with problems that require police involvement but do not need immediate attention, such as vandalism or property damage; and

WHEREAS, residents would be best served by an online system by which they could submit preliminary reports of non-emergency situations, which could be addressed at a time more convenient for residents and officers; and

WHEREAS, creating an online preliminary police report system would allow police officers to respond to emergencies rapidly and respond to less urgent matters at a later point in time; and

WHEREAS, any preliminary report made online to the Police Department would be followed by a visit to the complainant by an officer, where an official report would be commenced; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that the Suffolk County Police Department is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to study the feasibility of establishing an online preliminary police report system where residents may file initial reports of non-emergency incidents for follow-up by officers at a later time; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED, that the Department's study shall include, but not be limited to, an analysis of the costs and requirements of establishing an online preliminary police report system; the procedural, technical and operational actions necessary to establish and operate such a system; and benefits to the Police Department and residents, and potential problems associated with such a system; and be it further

3rd RESOLVED, that the Police Department shall submit a written report containing its findings, determinations and recommendations, if any, to the County Executive, each member of the County Legislature and the Clerk of the County Legislature within ninety (90) days of the effective date of this resolution; 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: October 6, 2015

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: October 21, 2015