PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 31-2019

AN ORDINANCE TO SET THE COMPENSATION FOR ELECTION INSPECTORS, POLL CLERKS, AND ELECTION COORDINATORS PURSUANT TO §3-420 OF THE NEW YORK STATE ELECTION LAW

WHEREAS, election inspectors, poll clerks, and election coordinators (collectively "election workers") are essential to the conduct of fair and open elections; and

WHEREAS, to ensure that Nassau County residents have the opportunity to vote, election workers duties begin early in the morning and do not end until late at night; and

WHEREAS, during the performance of their duties, election workers are often confronted with challenging and stressful circumstances; and

WHEREAS, it has become increasingly difficult to attract qualified election workers due to the insufficient pay; and

WHEREAS, election workers should be paid a minimum amount of at least \$15.00 per hour; and

WHEREAS, §3-420 of the New York State Election Law requires the Nassau County Legislature to set the compensation of election inspectors, poll clerks, election coordinators and qualified voters to act in place of an absent inspector; NOW THEREFORE

BE IT ORDAINED, by the County Legislature of Nassau County as follows:

Section 1. The compensation of election inspectors, poll clerks and election coordinators shall be as follows:

Election Inspectors: \$240 per day

Poll Clerks: \$290 per day

Election Coordinators: \$250 per day

- §2. An election inspector or a poll clerk who attends a required training session shall be paid not less than \$40.00.
- §3. A qualified voter appointed to act in place of an absent inspector shall be paid the rate of the Election Inspector as per this Ordinance.
 - §4. Severability.

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section or part of this ordinance or the application thereof to any Permittee, individual, corporation, firm, partnership, entity or

circumstance shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section or part of this law or in its application to the Permittee, individual, corporation, firm, partnership entity or circumstance directly involved in the controversy in which order or judgment shall be rendered.

§5. State Environmental Quality Review Act Determination

It is hereby determined by the Nassau County Legislature, the lead agency, and pursuant to the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"), 8 NYECL section 0101 et seq. and its implementing regulations, Part 617 of 6 NYCRR, and Section 1611 of the County Government Law of Nassau County, that this Ordinance will not have a significant impact on the environment and that no further environmental review or action is required.

§6. Effective Date

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately.