

PROPOSED LOCAL LAW \_\_-2020

A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT LAW OF NASSAU COUNTY  
TO REQUIRE PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF THE MEETINGS AND AGENDAS FOR THE  
NASSAU COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

WHEREAS, among its many duties, the Nassau County Planning Commission is empowered pursuant to Article 12-B of the New York State General Municipal Law and Article XVI Division of Planning of the County Government Law of Nassau County to review and make recommendations concerning proposed zoning actions by a city, town or village in Nassau County, including major and minor subdivisions and variances; and

WHEREAS, the actions of the Planning Commission are of concern to both the public and the elected officials in Nassau County; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of Nassau County to promote full transparency in County operations; NOW THEREFORE

BE IT ENACTED by the County Legislature of the County of Nassau as follows:

Section 1. §1602. Organization; rules of procedure; employees is amended to include the following subdivision:

c. The Planning Commission shall not approve, make recommendations upon, or vote on any application or item unless such application or item has been included on an agenda that has been posted to the official website of Nassau County at least one week prior to said approval, recommendation or vote. The Planning Commission shall establish and maintain an email notification system whereby on the official website of Nassau County, individuals may request to be emailed Planning Commission agendas either for specific meetings or for all meetings of the Planning Commission. Agendas shall be emailed upon receipt of a request or at least one week prior to any meeting of the Planning Commission to individuals that have made such a request. In addition, notices of public hearings to be conducted by the Planning Commission must be forwarded to the elected representatives of the town, village or city and the Legislator representing the Legislative District where the subject property of such hearing is located at least one week prior to the meeting at which the hearing is scheduled for action.

§2. Severability. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or part of this law or the application thereof to any person, 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 to its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or part of this law, or in its application to the person, individual, corporation, firm, partnership, entity, or circumstance directly involved in the controversy in which such order or judgment shall be rendered.

§3. SEQRA Determination. It is hereby determined, pursuant to the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), 8 N.Y.E.C.L. Section 0101 et seq. and its implementing regulations, Part 617 of 6 N.Y.C.R.R., and Section 1611 of the County Government Law of Nassau County, that the adoption of this local law is a “Type II” Action within the meaning of Section 617(c)(20) and (27) of 6 N.Y.C.R.R., and, accordingly is of a class of actions which do not have a significant effect on the environment, and no further review is required.

§ 4. Effective Date. This local law shall take effect immediately.