

PROPOSED LOCAL LAW __-2021

A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND TITLE 64 OF THE MISCELLANEOUS LAWS OF NASSAU COUNTY TO PREVENT THE CONSUMPTION OF CANNABIS BY MINORS AT PRIVATE HOMES

WHEREAS, the New York State Legislature has passed, and Governor Cuomo has signed the “Marijuana Tax and Reform Act” legalizing the recreational use and sale of cannabis products in New York; and

WHEREAS, with the removal of cannabis products as regulated drugs from the New York State Public Health Law, Nassau County’s Social Host Law must be amended to prohibit any person over the age of eighteen that owns, rents or controls a private residence from knowingly allowing the use or consumption of cannabis products at such residence by any minor; NOW THEREFORE

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

Section 1. Title 64, §3(d) of the Miscellaneous Laws of Nassau County is amended to read as follows:

d. “Drugs” shall mean any substance listed in schedule I, II, III, and IV of the New York State Public Health Law §3306, including but not limited to heroine, hydrocodone, oxycodone, fentanyl, anabolic steroids, and cocaine. “Drugs” shall also mean cannabis and concentrated cannabis as those terms are defined by §222.00 of the New York State Penal Law.

§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 in 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. It is hereby determined, pursuant to the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, 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 617.5(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. This local law shall take effect immediately.