

PROPOSED LOCAL LAW -2021

A LOCAL LAW TO PROHIBIT THE SMOKING OR VAPING OF CANNABIS IN ALL COUNTY OWNED PROPERTIES

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, individuals over the age of 21 can smoke or vape cannabis products wherever smoking is allowed under the Clean Indoor Air Act; and

WHEREAS, the Clean Indoor Air Act prohibits the smoking or vaping of cannabis products in most workplaces, restaurants, bars, mass transportation, public transportation terminals, schools, colleges and universities, hospitals and indoor arenas; and

WHEREAS, the smoking or vaping of cannabis products in outdoor spaces remain unregulated; and

WHEREAS, it is in interest of Nassau County residents to prohibit the smoking and vaping of cannabis at all County-owned properties including but not limited to County-owned buildings, sidewalks, parking lots, parks, preserves, playgrounds, and beaches; NOW THEREFORE

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

Section 1. Title XX is added to the Miscellaneous Laws of Nassau County as follows:

Title XX

Prohibition against the Smoking or Vaping of Cannabis Products on County-Owned Properties

§ 1. Prohibition against the Smoking or Vaping of Cannabis Products on County-Owned Properties.

a. No person shall smoke or vape cannabis or concentrated cannabis as those terms are defined by §222.00 of the New York State Penal Law on any County-owned property including but not limited to buildings, sidewalks, parking lots, parks, preserves, playgrounds, beaches, campgrounds, or any other county-owned open spaces.

§ 2. Penalties. A violation of section one of this local law shall be punishable by a civil penalty of \$200.00.

§2. Severability. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or part of this law or tire 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 tire environment; and no further review is required.

§4. This local law shall take effect immediately.