### PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 1-2022

# AN ORDINANCE, TO BE KNOWN AS THE "HIRING OUR HEROES ACT," AMENDING SECTION SIX OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 180-2016 TO EXEMPT ACTIVE-DUTY AND MILITARY VETERANS FROM THE PAYMENT OF CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION FEES

WHEREAS, it is the judgment of this Legislature that due to their dedication, discipline, adaptability, leadership, courage and willingness and ability to perform under the most stressful circumstances, active-duty military service members and military veterans of the United States armed forces are highly valuable candidates for public service; and

WHEREAS, this Legislature recognizes that by virtue of the enormous sacrifices they and their families have made on behalf of the nation, active-duty military service members and military veterans are deserving of assistance in reentering the civilian economy; and

WHEREAS, in order to encourage and assist active-duty military service members and military veterans to enter public service, the Legislature deems it fitting and proper to exempt veterans from the burden of paying Nassau County Civil Service Commission examination fees; now therefore, be it

## ORDAINED BY THE NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE AS FOLLOWS:

#### Section 1.

This law shall be known as the "Hiring Our Heroes Act."

- §2. Section 6 of Ordinance No. 180-2016 is amended to read as follows:
  - §6. The following fees are set and established for the Civil Service Commission:

| Description  | Fee   |
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| Police Officer Examination Application Filing Fee      | \$150 |
| Deputy Sheriff Examination Application Filing Fee      | \$100 |
| Correction Officer Examination Application Filing Fee  | \$150 |
| Correction Officer Open Competitive Examination Fee    | \$150 |
| Correction Corporal Promotion Examination Fee          | \$100 |
| Correction Sergeant Promotion Examination Fee          | \$100 |
| Correction Lieutenant Promotion Examination Fee        | \$100 |
| Correction Captain Promotion Examination Fee           | \$100 |
| Police Sergeant Promotion Examination Fee              | \$200 |
| Police Lieutenant Promotion Examination Fee            | \$200 |
| Police Captain Promotion Examination Fee               | \$200 |
| Probation Officer Trainee Open Competitive Examination | \$50  |

| Probation Officer II Promotion Examination Fee    | \$100 |
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| Probation Supervisor I Promotion Examination Fee  | \$100 |
| Probation Supervisor II Promotion Examination Fee | \$100 |
| All other Civil Service Examinations              | \$50  |
| Non-competitive Examination Fee                   | \$15  |

Notwithstanding the foregoing, active-duty military service members and military veterans shall be exempt from the payment of all of the foregoing Nassau County Civil Service Commission Civil Service Examination fees. For purposes of this section, "active-duty military service members and military veterans" shall mean anyone who has served, or currently serves, on active duty, in the United States Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Army, Coast Guard or any such additional military forces created by the federal or state government as authorized by law, and, in the case of military veterans, received an honorable discharge.

# §3. Severability.

If any provision of this Ordinance or the application of such provision to any person or circumstance shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, the constitutionality or validity of the remainder of this ordinance and the applicability of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

## §4. SEQRA Determination.

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) 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.

#### §5. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately.