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**Local Law Filing**

Pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law §27

Local Law Number ascribed by the legislative body of the local government listed below:

2 of the year 20 25

Local Law Title: A LOCAL LAW TO ADD TITLE R TO CHAPTER VIII OF THE NASSAU COUNTY  
ADMINISTRATIVE CODE IN RELATION TO ENSURING THE SAFETY OF FIRST  
RESPONDERS

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the  
*(Name of Legislative Body)*

County     City     Town     Village  
*(Select one)*

of Nassau as follows on the attached pages:  
*(Name of Local Government)*

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(The local law number assigned by the Department of State for indexing purposes may be different from the local law number ascribed by the legislative body of the local government.)

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(Complete the certification in the paragraph that applies to the filing of this local law and strike out that which is not applicable.)

**1. (Final adoption by local legislative body only.)**

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto ascribed as local law number \_\_\_\_\_ of 20\_\_\_\_ of the (County)(City)(Town)(Village) of \_\_\_\_\_ was duly passed by the \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_ in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.

*(Name of Legislative Body)*

**2. (Passage by local legislative body with approval, no disapproval or repassage after disapproval by the Elective Chief Executive Officer\*.)**

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, ascribed as local law number 2 of 20 25 of the County of Nassau was duly passed by the Legislature on April 23 20 25 and was approved by the County Executive on May 21 20 25 in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.

*(Name of Legislative Body)*

*(Elective Chief Executive Officer\*)*

**3. (Final adoption by referendum.)**

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, ascribed as local law number \_\_\_\_\_ of 20\_\_\_\_ of the (County)(City)(Town)(Village) of \_\_\_\_\_ was duly passed by the \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_ and was (approved)(not approved)(repassed after disapproval) by the \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_

*(Name of Legislative Body)*

*(Elective Chief Executive Officer\*)*

Such local law was submitted to the people by reason of a (mandatory)(permissive) referendum, and received the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors voting thereon at the (general)(special)(annual) election held on \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_ in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.

**4. (Subject to permissive referendum and final adoption because no valid petition was filed requesting referendum.)**

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, ascribed as local law number \_\_\_\_\_ of 20\_\_\_\_ of the (County)(City)(Town)(Village) of \_\_\_\_\_ was duly passed by the \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_ and was (approved)(not approved)(repassed after disapproval) by the \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_. Such local law was subject to permissive referendum and no valid petition requesting such referendum was filed as of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_ in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.

*(Name of Legislative Body)*

*(Elective Chief Executive Officer\*)*

\* Elective Chief Executive Officer means or includes the chief executive officer of a county elected on a county-wide basis or, if there be none, the chairperson of the county legislative body, the mayor of a city or village, or the supervisor of a town where such officer is vested with the power to approve or veto local laws or ordinances.

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**5. (City local law concerning Charter revision proposed by petition.)**

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, ascribed as local law number \_\_\_\_\_ of 20 \_\_\_\_ of the City of \_\_\_\_\_ having submitted to referendum pursuant to the provisions of Section (36)(37) of the Municipal Home Rule Law, and having received the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors of such city voting thereon at the (special)(general) election held on \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_ became operative.

**6. (County local law concerning adoption of Charter.)**

I hereby certify that the local law annexed thereto, ascribed as local law number \_\_\_\_\_ of 20 \_\_\_\_ of the County of \_\_\_\_\_ State of New York, having been submitted to the electors at the General Election of November \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_ pursuant to subdivisions 5 and 7 of section 33 of the Municipal Home Rule Law, and having received the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors of the cities of said county as a unit and a majority of the qualified electors of the towns of said county considered as a unit voting at said general election, became operative.

**(If any other authorized form of final adoption has been followed, please provide an appropriate certification.)**

I further certify that I have compared the preceding local law with the original on file in this office and that the same is a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of such original local law, and was finally adopted in the manner indicated in the paragraph 2 above.

Michael C. Pulitzer 

Clerk of the Legislature of Nassau County

5/23/2025

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Amendment  
Clerk Item 89-25

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTION – Clerk Item No. 89-25

Introduced by: Presiding Officer Howard J. Kopel, Deputy Presiding Officer Thomas McKevitt, Alternate Deputy Presiding Officer John R. Ferretti, Jr., and Legislators Patrick Mullaney, John J. Giuffré, Scott Strauss, Mazi Melesa Pilip, Michael Giangregorio, C. William Gaylor, III, Rose Marie Walker, Samantha Goetz, and James Kennedy

LOCAL LAW NO. 2 -2025

A LOCAL LAW TO ADD TITLE R TO CHAPTER VIII OF THE NASSAU COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE IN RELATION TO ENSURING THE SAFETY OF FIRST RESPONDERS

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
*[Signature]*  
Deputy Majority Counsel

Passed by Nassau County Legislature on  
4/23/25 A voice vote was taken with 19  
Legislators present.  
Voting: aye 19, nay 0, abstained 0, recused 0  
Became a Local Law 5/21/25

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

Section 1. A new title is hereby added to Chapter VIII of the Nassau County Administrative Code as follows:

Title R

FIRST RESPONDER ZONE OF PROTECTION ACT

Section	8-137.1	Legislative Intent
Section	8-137.2	Definitions
Section	8-137.3	Approaching a First Responder Engaged in the Lawful Performance of Their Duties After a Warning

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CLERK OF COUNTY LEGISLATURE

**§8-137.1 Legislative Intent.** This Legislature finds that first responders are often called to work in high stress, crowded and potentially dangerous situations. This Legislature further finds that any attempt to interfere with, harass, or threaten first responders that are engaged in a lawful performance of their duties endangers public safety and potentially hinders timely and effective emergency response, putting the lives of first responders and those they are attempting to aid at substantial risk of injury or death. This Legislature further finds that allowing first responders that are engaged in the lawful performance of their duties to establish a fifteen (15) foot zone whereby non first responder personnel are prohibited from entering will enhance public safety and will protect first responders from threats and physical interference during inherently dangerous or high-stress situations. This Legislature further finds that establishing a fifteen-foot zone of protection balances both the rights of bystanders to view the work of first responders while ensuring that bystanders do not intentionally or unintentionally endanger or interfere with first responders that are performing their lawful duties.

**§ 8-137.2 Definitions.** As used in this title:

- (a) "First Responder" shall mean a Police Officer as defined by Criminal Procedure Law §1.20(34), a certified first responder, emergency medical technician, or advanced emergency medical technician as defined by §3001 of the Public Health Law, supervising fire inspectors, fire inspectors, the fire marshal and assistant fire marshals, firefighters, and probation officers.

**§ 8-137.3. Approaching a First Responder Engaged in the Lawful Performance of Their Legal Duties After a Warning.**

- (a) A First Responder may issue a warning to keep a distance of 15 feet to a person who approaches such First Responder who reasonably believes that such person presents a threat to the safety of the First Responder, bystanders, or others or otherwise may interfere with or obstruct the First Responder's lawful performance of his or her duties.
- (b) It shall be unlawful for a person, after receiving a warning not to approach, pursuant to subsection (a) above, from a person he or she knows or reasonably should know is a First Responder who is actively engaged in the lawful performance of an arrest, emergency response, rescue, investigation, interrogation, traffic stop, while securing property, establishing a safe perimeter, or maintaining public order, to knowingly and willfully violate such warning and approach or remain within 15 feet of the First Responder.
- (c) Nothing in this section shall prevent the right of the public to photograph or video a First Responder who is engaged in the performance of the acts set forth in paragraph (b).
- (d) Any person that violates any provision of this law shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than one thousand (\$1,000) dollars or imprisonment of not more than one (1) year, or both.

§ 2. Severability

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section or part of this local 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 order or judgment shall be rendered.

§ 3. SEQRA 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 Local Law will not have a significant impact on the environment and that no further environmental review or action is required.

§ 4. Effective Date

This law shall take effect immediately after becoming a law.

**APPROVED**

*[Handwritten Signature]* CE

**County Executive**

**Date** 5/21/25