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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:

6 of the year 20 25

Local Law Title:

A LOCAL LAW TO PROHIBIT DEMONSTRATING WITHIN TEN (10) FEET OF ANOTHER  
PERSON ENTERING OR LEAVING A PLACE OF RELIGIOUS WORSHIP AND NOT  
WITHIN THIRTY-FIVE FEET (35) OF AN ENTRANCE

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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Department of State Local Law Index Number: 7 of the year 20 26

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# Local Law Filing

(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 6 of 20 25 of the (County)(City)(Town)(Village) of NASSAU was duly passed by the LEGISLATURE on DECEMBER 14 20 25 and was (approved)(not approved)(repassed after disapproval) by the COUNTY EXECUTIVE on JANUARY 12 20 26 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. RUITZER

Clerk of the county legislative body, City, Town or Village Clerk or officer designated by local legislative body

MAY 12, 2026

(Date)

(Seal)



**Amendment in the Nature of a Substitution – Clerk Item 375-25**

**Introduced by:** Legislator Mazi Melesa Pilip, Presiding Officer Howard J. Kopel, Alternate Deputy Presiding Officer Michael Giangregorio and Legislators Scott Strauss, Patrick Mullaney, Samantha Goetz

**Cosponsored by:** Deputy Presiding Officer Thomas McKeivitt and Legislators John J. Giuffré, C. William Gaylor, III, Rose Marie Walker, and James Kennedy, Minority Leader Delia DeRiggi-Whitton, Deputy Minority Leader Arnold Drucker, Scott Davis, Carrié Solages, Seth Koslow, Olena Nicks and Debra Mulé

LOCAL LAW NO. 6-2025

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APPROVED AS TO FORM



Majority Counsel

**Passed by Nassau County Legislature on**  
12/17/25 **A voice vote was taken with** 17  
**Legislators present.**  
**Voting: aye** 17, **nay** 0, **abstained** 0, **recused** 0  
**Became a Local Law**

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CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE

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

Section 1. **Short Title.** This law shall be known as the “Religious Safety Act” and shall appear in the Miscellaneous Laws of Nassau County as Title 92.

§2. **Legislative Intent.**

This Legislature finds that individuals have a constitutional right to practice their religion and to safely travel to and from religious institutions without physical obstruction, interference, intimidation, or risk of injury.

This Legislature further finds that public safety and the right to religious freedom are threatened when demonstrators enter or remain in close proximity to those that are attempting to enter or leave places of religious worship.

Therefore, the primary purpose of this law is to protect public safety and the right to religious freedom by ensuring that demonstrators exercising their right to free speech be prohibited from demonstrating within thirty-five (35) feet of the Entrance Area or Driveway of a Place of Religious Worship and from approaching within a ten (10) foot distance of persons entering or leaving a Place of Religious Worship before, during, and after services.

### §3. Definitions.

For the purposes of this law:

- (1) "Place of Religious Worship" shall mean any church, synagogue, mosque, temple, or other building or location regularly used primarily for religious worship, religious education, or religious services.
- (2) "Entrance Area" shall mean any doorway, threshold, entryway, gate, ramp, or other point of ingress or egress to a Place of Religious Worship.
- (3) "Driveway" shall mean an entry from a public street to any parking lot in which the Place of Religious Worship has an ownership, easement or leasehold interest or other property right.

### §4. Prohibition on knowingly approaching for the purposes of demonstration within ten (10) feet of another person entering or leaving a Place of Religious Worship or demonstrating within thirty-five (35) feet of the Entrance Area or Driveway of a Place of Religious Worship.

After receiving a verbal, written, or other communicative or expressive instruction, warning, or order from an officer of the Nassau County Police Department, and/or any Police Officer, as defined in Section 1.20(34) of the New York State Criminal Procedure Law, of an authorized Police Department or force of a city, town or village, or other police district or division within the geographic boundaries of Nassau County:

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly approach within ten (10) feet of an individual, without such individual's expressed consent, for the purpose of demonstrating, picketing, protesting, distributing literature, displaying signs, engaging in oral advocacy, or other forms of expressive or symbolic conduct, whether conducted individually or in groups. This prohibition shall apply within one hundred (100) feet from the Entrance Area of any Place of Religious Worship, beginning one hour before the scheduled start of any religious service, community meeting, ceremony, or other congregational, educational or organizational meeting or event and ending one hour after the conclusion of any religious service, community meeting, ceremony, or other congregational, educational or organizational meeting or event; and
- (b) It shall be unlawful for any person to demonstrate, picket, protest, distribute literature, display signs, engage in oral advocacy, or other forms of expressive or symbolic conduct,

whether conducted individually or in groups, within thirty-five (35) feet of the Entrance Area or Driveway of a Place of Religious Worship beginning one hour before the scheduled start of any religious service, community meeting, ceremony, or other congregational, educational or organizational meeting or event and ending one hour after the conclusion of any religious service, community meeting, ceremony, or other congregational, educational or organizational meeting or event.

§5. **Penalties.** Any person that violates any provision of this law shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than two hundred and fifty (\$250.00) dollars or imprisonment of not more than one year, or both.

§6. **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.

§7. **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.

§8. **Effective Date.** This law shall take effect immediately after becoming a law.

**APPROVED**

*[Handwritten Signature]*

**County Executive**

**Date** 1/12/26

