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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 26

Local Law Title:

A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND TITLE 86 OF THE MISCELLANEOUS LAWS OF NASSAU
COUNTY REGARDING THE PROHIBITION ON THE INHUMANE RESTRAINT OF PETS.

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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(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 MARCH 9 20 26 and was (approved)(not approved)(repassed after disapproval) by the COUNTY EXECUTIVE on APRIL 8 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____. 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.
(Name of Legislative Body)
(Elective Chief Executive Officer)*

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 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 25-26

Introduced by: Legislator Samantha Goetz

Co-Sponsored by: Presiding Officer Howard J. Kopel, Deputy Presiding Officer Thomas McKeivitt, Alternate Deputy Presiding Officer Michael Giangregorio, and Legislators Patrick Mullaney, John J. Giuffre, Scott Strauss, Mazi Melesa Pilip, Kayla Knight, Rose Marie Walker, and James Kennedy

LOCAL LAW NO. 2-2026

A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND TITLE 86 OF THE MISCELLANEOUS LAWS OF NASSAU COUNTY REGARDING THE PROHIBITION ON THE INHUMANE RESTRAINT OF PETS

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Majority Counsel

Passed by Nassau County Legislature on
3/9/26 **A voice vote was taken with** 19
Legislators present.
Voting: aye 19, **nay** 0, **abstained** 0, **recused** 0
Became a Local Law 4/8/26

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

Section 1. §3(a)(3) of Title 86 of the Miscellaneous Laws of Nassau County, known as the “Tethering Law”, shall be amended as follows:

(3) Confines the animal outdoors when:

- i. The temperature is below 35 degrees Fahrenheit;
- ii. The temperature is above 85 degrees Fahrenheit; or
- iii. The National Weather Service has issued a heat or wind chill advisory, watch or warning.
- iv. Conditions are not appropriate due to the breed, physical condition and climate, as established pursuant to New York State Agricultural and Markets Law § 353-b.

§2. §3(c) of Title 86 of the Miscellaneous Laws of Nassau County, known as the "Tethering Law", shall be amended as follows:

- c. No person shall tether, leash, fasten, secure, retrain, chain or tie an animal to any stationary object outdoors for more than 1 (one) hour in any 12 (twelve) hour period, and such action shall be prohibited between the hours of 11:00 P.M. and 6:00 A.M.
- d. No person shall tether, leash, fasten, secure, retrain, chain or tie an animal to any stationary object outdoors if the animal is:
 - (1) Less than six months of age;
 - (2) Sick or injured;
 - (3) A nursing mother whose offspring is present.
- e. Multiple animals shall not be tethered or restrained in such a manner that they are able to come into contact with one another at any point in time while restrained.
- f. No person shall tether an animal to any stationary object outdoors unless such person remains on the premises where the animal is tethered.

§3. §4. of Title 86 of the Miscellaneous Laws of Nassau County, known as the "Tethering Law", shall be amended as follows:

§4. Penalties.

- a. Any Person who violates this Title shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a maximum fine of \$500 for any first offense and/or imprisonment for up to 15 days. A second violation of this Title shall be a misdemeanor and subject to a maximum fine of \$750 and/or imprisonment up to 30 days. Any third or subsequent violation of this Title by a person shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by imprisonment not to exceed one year, or by a fine of not more than \$1000 or both.
- b. Any Person found guilty of an offense pursuant to this title may be subject to forfeiture of the animal at the discretion of the court which so adjudicates their guilt.

§4. §6. of Title 86 of the Miscellaneous Laws of Nassau County, known as the "Tethering Law", shall be amended as follows:

This Title shall have no effect in any Town, City or Village located within the County of Nassau which has enacted an ordinance, resolution or law regulating the restraint of animals within

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its jurisdiction, unless the Town, City or Village ordinance, resolution or law expressly provides and allows for the enforcement of this article within the Town, City or Village boundaries.

§5. 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.

§6. 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(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.

§7. Effective Date.

This Local Law shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED



County Executive

Date 4/8/26

