

MAURICE CHALMERS
DIRECTOR
OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE
BUDGET REVIEW



NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE
1550 FRANKLIN AVENUE, ROOM 126
MINEOLA, NEW YORK 11501
(516) 571-6292

Inter-Departmental Memo

To: Hon. Richard Nicoletto, Presiding Officer
Hon. Kevan Abrahams, Minority Leader
All Members of the Nassau County Legislature

From: Maurice Chalmers, Director
Office of Legislative Budget Review

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "M. Chalmers", written over the "From:" line.

Date: June 15, 2018

Re: Clerk Item 256-18

Attached is a copy of a Fiscal Impact Statement for Clerk Item 256-18 which is on the Legislative Calendar for the June 18, hearing.

256-18: A Local Law to amend the Nassau County Administrative Code to establish an Emergency Ambulance Bureau.



CLERK ITEM 256-18

**THE NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE BUDGET REVIEW
MAURICE CHALMERS, DIRECTOR
FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

TITLE:

A local law to amend the Nassau County Administrative Code to establish an Emergency Ambulance Bureau.

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION:

This proposed local law formally establishes an Emergency Ambulance Bureau. The Emergency Ambulance Bureau shall be responsible for the coordination, command, control and oversight of the emergency medical services operations and other support organizations which ensure the health, safety and welfare of Nassau County residents. This law will add the Emergency Ambulance Bureau to the Administrative Code and the unit will become a codified part of Nassau County.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

This local law will take effect immediately.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Emergency Ambulance Bureau expenses are currently reflected in a separate responsibility center within the Police Department. As such, no additional fiscal changes to the current budget are anticipated from passage of the proposed local law.

In a 2011 NIFA commissioned cost reduction study, Grant Thornton identified the Emergency Ambulance Bureau as a non-mandated part of the County. Moreover, the NIFA commissioned August 2017 Strategic Cost Reduction Analysis report produced by Capital Markets Advisors, LLC listed the Emergency Ambulance Bureau as a candidate for privatization.

The current 2018 budget includes \$23.7 million in revenue and \$14.9 million in expenses for 165 County employees assigned to the Emergency Ambulance Bureau. Those figures don't include any fringe benefit costs, capital expenses or grant revenues. In 2017, after considering the fringe costs associated with the current assigned employees, total expenses exceeded revenues by approximately \$2.0 million. However, greater revenue may be achieved to help offset expenditures, if additional actions are taken to collect outstanding ambulance fees.

ECONOMIC IMPACT:

There is no economic impact expected as a result of this local law.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION:

Nassau County Police Department

FISCAL IMPACT PREPARED BY:

Helen M. Carlson, Deputy Director

Deirdre Calley, Deputy Director

Linda Guerreiro, Senior Legislative Budget Analyst