



CLERK ITEM #541-18

THE NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE BUDGET REVIEW
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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

TITLE:

A Local Law amending Title 72 of the Miscellaneous Laws of Nassau County requiring signage at intersections informing motorists of a photo violation-monitoring system

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION:

This proposed local law requires all intersections with a traffic-control signal photo violation-monitoring system to have signage posted within a reasonable distance of the intersection indicating the system's presence, as determined by a traffic engineer on behalf of the County. The signage must be visible to traffic approaching from all directions in which the traffic-control photo violation-monitoring system is being utilized to issue a penalty. There is no requirement to post signage visible to traffic approaching the intersections from directions not subject to the automated traffic enforcement system. In addition, no notice of liability issued pursuant to this Title shall be dismissed solely because a sign is missing, provided the County has made a reasonable effort to install and maintain such sign.

Furthermore, all intersections with a traffic-control signal photo violation-monitoring system where vehicles facing a steady circular red signal are authorized to make a right after a **complete stop**. Except when at a clearly marked stop line must have signage posted to indicate where the vehicle must stop, unless the vehicle is authorized to make other movement as permitted by other indications shown at the same time. No notice of liability issued pursuant to this Title shall be dismissed solely because a sign is missing, provided that the County has made a reasonable effort to install and maintain such sign. These signs shall be installed by March 1, 2019.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

This law shall take effect immediately.

ECONOMIC IMPACT:

This local law is not expected to have a significant economic impact.

FISCAL IMPACT:

According to the Traffic and Parking Violations Agency (TPVA), when a red-light camera goes into production, part of the checklist includes ensuring that a warning sign is placed at the location. Nassau County has been installing the signs as a courtesy since the program began, however this local law will codify the necessity to install the warning signs. Since warning signs are currently installed, TPVA does not expect any additional cost impact from the warning sign requirement of the law on their operations or on the traffic control photo violation-monitoring system program.

The Department of Public Works (DPW) has also confirmed that warning signs currently exist at red-light camera locations, unless damaged by accidents or vandalism. Work orders have already been issued to replace any missing or impaired signs. DPW plans to incorporate sign inspections as part of the current staff's roadway functions. The 2019 Proposed revenue budget for the red-light camera fines is \$24.6 million in addition to \$22.1 million from the corresponding Administrative fee.

The second requirement of the law is to place signage where vehicles are to come to a complete stop at a clearly marked stop line prior to making a right turn. The Traffic Safety Board (TSB) is of the opinion that they will be able to install the mandated signage on all County owned roads but have some reservation that there is the potential of resistance from the State to add these signs on State owned roads. Since not all red-light camera intersections would require this additional signage, the cost would be limited.

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