


Introduced by: Legislators McKeivitt and Muscarella

LOCAL LAW 15-2019

A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF NASSAU COUNTY IN
RELATION TO CYBERSECURITY

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Majority Counsel

Passed by the Nassau County Legislature on August 5, 2019

Votes: ayes: 19, naves: 0, abstained: 0

Became a law on September 4, 2019 with the approval of the
County Executive

WHEREAS, Nassau County relies upon a complex information technology infrastructure to conduct County operations, store and access sensitive data, and provide essential services to Nassau County residents; and

WHEREAS, cyberthreats including malware, spyware, ransomware, eavesdropping attacks, viruses, worms, network breaches, denial of service attacks, malicious code and other forms of cyberattacks have the potential to damage Nassau County's information technology infrastructure and impact County operations; and

WHEREAS, Nassau County must proactively address these cyber threats to ensure the greatest possible protection against the disruption of County operations; NOW THEREFORE

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

Section 1. ARTICLE XXI-A DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, § 2151 Powers and Duties. is amended to add the following subdivisions:

- (m) The protection and periodic assessment of the County government's information technology infrastructure to identify and mitigate vulnerabilities, deter and respond to cybersecurity threats and breaches, and promote cyber security awareness within the County government. The Department shall also:
 - i. Provide cybersecurity training in threat identification and incident response to personnel identified by the Commissioner of Information Technology;
 - ii. Submit an annual Cybersecurity Risk Assessment and Response Analysis to be provided to the County Executive, Commissioners of County

departments, and each County Legislator by March 1 of each year outlining the County's current cybersecurity policies and protocols, evaluating potential risks, and identifying response and recovery strategies.

- iii. Establish a panel of cybersecurity service and incident response providers to assist the County in its response to and recovery from a breach event or cyberattack on Nassau County's information technology infrastructure.
- iv. Notify the County Executive, Commissioners of affected County departments, and each County Legislator within seventy-two (72) hours of a breach event or cyberattack on Nassau County's information technology infrastructure.

§2. Severability. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or part of this law or the application thereof to any person 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 hereof, 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 or circumstance directly involved in the controversy in which such order or judgment shall be rendered.

§3. 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 617.5(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.

§4. Effective Date. This local law shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED



County Executive

DATE 9-4-19