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LOCAL LAW 14-2019

A LOCAL LAW TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENT TO RELEASE ALL ASSESSMENT DATA USED TO DETERMINE ASSESSED VALUES IN NASSAU COUNTY

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Majority Counsel

Passes by the Nassau County Legislature on August 5, 2019

Votes: ayes: 18, naves: 0, abstained: 0

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

Deputy County Executive acting on behalf of the County Executive

WHEREAS, the County completed a systematic review reassessment of real property, producing assessed values for the Tentative Assessment Roll for 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Assessment utilized models, algorithms, formulas, codes, scripts and software to determine assessed values of real property in Nassau County; and

WHEREAS, the public release of this information has been the subject of litigation; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Committee on Open Government has opined that such information is public information and must be publicly disclosed; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of Nassau County to promote full transparency in any revaluation or update; and

WHEREAS, Nassau County resident are entitled to know how the assessment of their property has been calculated; NOW THEREFORE

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

Section 1. The Nassau County Administrative Code, Chapter VI. Department of Assessment is amended to include the following section:

§6-7.3 Tentative Assessment Data to be Publicly Available. Upon the receipt of a written request for information pursuant to this section, the Department of Assessment shall disclose within five (5) business days a complete database of all electronic data files, formulas, algorithms, codes, scripts, programs, and materials ("Assessment Data") utilized to determine the Tentative Assessment Roll. Such information shall include the names of any software programs and all electronic data files, formulas, algorithms, codes, scripts, programs, and materials required to access, execute, evaluate, run, or analyze the Assessment Data.

§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
Helena Williams
for **County Executive**
DATE Sept. 4, 2019