

Introduced by: Presiding Officer Nicoello, Deputy Presiding Officer Kopel, Alternate Deputy Presiding Officer Ford, Minority Leader Abrahams, and Legislators Bynoe, Solages, Ford, Mule, Gaylor, Muscarella, Birnbaum, DeRiggi-Whitton, Kennedy, McKeivitt, Schaefer, Ferretti, Drucker, Walker, Lafazan and Rhoads

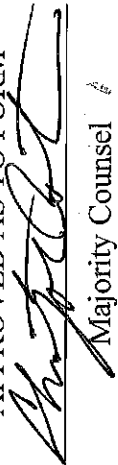
LOCAL LAW NO. 23-2019

A LOCAL LAW TO PROHIBIT HARRASSMENT OF A POLICE OFFICE, PEACE OFFICER OR FIRST RESPONDER

Passed by the Nassau County Legislature on Septembe 23, 2019

Voting: ayes: 18, naves: 0, abstained: 0

Became a law on October 23, 2019 with the approval of the County Executive

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
  
Majority Counsel

WHEREAS, law enforcement officials and first responders in the County of Nassau are valued and dedicated professionals who work valiantly and selflessly to protect our communities; and

WHEREAS, wrongful acts committed against police officers, peace officers and first responders undermine public safety, the security of Nassau County residents, and the rule of law; and

WHEREAS, there has been a disturbing and dangerous increase in the State of New York of acts against police officers, peace officers and first responders that seek to demean these brave public servants and subject them to danger and harm; now, therefore

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

Section 1. Chapter VII of Chapter 282 of the Laws of 1939 constituting the Nassau County Administrative Code, is hereby amended to add a new Title P, as follows:

TITLE P

HARASSMENT OF A POLICE OFFICER, PEACE OFFICER OR FIRST RESPONDER

§8-135.1. Harassment of a Police Officer, Peace Officer or First Responder.

A person is guilty of harassing a police officer, peace officer or first responder when she or he intentionally throws or sprays water or any other substance on or at such police officer, peace officer, or first responder when such officer or first responder is in the course of performing his or her official duties and the person committing such acts knows or reasonably should know that such victim is a police officer, peace officer or first responder.

§8-135.2. Penalties.

Violation of this law shall constitute an unclassified misdemeanor, punishable by up to one year's imprisonment and/or a fine of up to \$5,000.00.

**§2. Severability.**

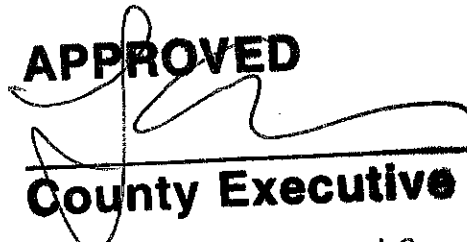
If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or part of this law or the application thereof to any person, individual, corporation, firm, partnership, entity, or circumstance shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment 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.

**§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(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** 10-21-19