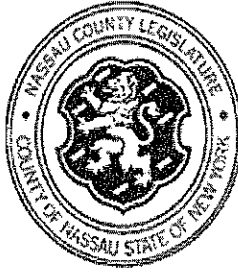


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Hon. Kevan Abrahams, Minority Leader

Date: November 18, 2019

Re: AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTION TO CLERK ITEM #408-19;
A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A NASSAU COUNTY REIMBURSEMENT
PROGRAM FOR THE INSTALLATION OF "SMART SPRINKLER" SYSTEMS

Attached please find the above referenced resolution which has been approved as to form per the Rules of the Legislature. Kindly distribute a copy to Presiding Officer Richard Nicoletto along with our request that this item be placed on the next available legislative agenda.

Kindly provide a time stamped hard copy acknowledgement of your receipt.

Thank you.

Amendment in the Nature of a Substitution – Clerk Item # 408-19

Introduced by: Legislator Siela A. Bynoe

Co-Sponsors: Legislators Debra Mulé, Arnold W. Drucker and Joshua A. Lafazan

RESOLUTION NO. -2019

A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A NASSAU COUNTY REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE INSTALLATION OF "SMART SPRINKLER" SYSTEMS

APPROVED AS TO FORM

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WHEREAS, the supply of water from Long Island’s aquifers is a precious and finite resource; and

WHEREAS, it is essential to properly manage the use of water in order to assure that the water supply will be sufficient to meet Nassau County’s current and future needs; and

WHEREAS, common sense conservation efforts are a critically important part of proper management of the water supply; and

WHEREAS, landscape irrigation of residential lawns and gardens places a significant demand on the water supply; and

WHEREAS, according to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), as much as fifty percent of water used outdoors is lost due to inefficient irrigation methods and systems, which can result in up to 25,000 gallons of water wasted annually; and

WHEREAS, the EPA, through its WaterSense conservation program, has endorsed weather-based irrigation products, citing their ability to perform as well as, or better than, conventional product models and reduce an average home’s irrigation water use by at least fifteen percent, saving an average home approximately 7,600 gallons of water annually; and

WHEREAS, “smart sprinklers” also known as weather-based irrigation controllers or evapotranspiration (ET) controllers, receive and monitor local weather data and automatically alter irrigation schedules based on such data, thereby significantly reducing the amount of water used by residential irrigation systems; and

WHEREAS, Nassau County has previously recognized the importance of controlling the amount of water used in lawn irrigation by enacting measures to restrict the days and hours during which lawns may be watered and to require the installation of automatic irrigation systems to prevent unnecessary lawn irrigation; and

WHEREAS, water suppliers have instituted programs whereby homeowners can receive substantial discounts or credits on “smart sprinkler” technology; for example, the Suffolk County Water Authority has established a “Water Wise Account Credit” program, a water conservation initiative giving customers a credit to their account for the purchase of smart irrigation devices; and

WHEREAS, it is the judgment of this Legislature that the health and well-being of the people of Nassau County will be furthered by encouraging the use of such smart sprinkler technology by residents served by public water utilities; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, there is hereby established a “Smart Sprinkler” Reimbursement Program, to be administered by the Nassau County Department of Health, that will make residents who utilize at least fifteen thousand gallons of water per month eligible for partial reimbursement for the expenses of installing a smart sprinkler system. Such reimbursement program will not apply to residents who are already eligible through their water supplier for financial assistance in purchasing a smart sprinkler technology, whether such assistance is in the form of discounted purchase prices, discounted water charges, rebates or other forms of assistance; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the “Smart Sprinkler” Reimbursement Program shall be funded in an annual amount of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000); and be it further

RESOLVED, for purposes of this resolution, “smart sprinkler” shall mean a weather-based irrigation product that uses real-time weather data to adjust an irrigation system’s station run times based on watering needs rather than on a preset, fixed schedule. Such product shall include, but not limited to, evapotranspiration-based (ET) controllers as defined in Sections 2-a(c) of Ordinance No. 181- 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, that 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) (33) 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.