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### Inter-Departmental Memo

To: Hon. Richard Nicoletto, Presiding Officer  
Hon. Kevan Abrahams, Minority Leader  
All Members of the Nassau County Legislature

From: Maurice Chalmers, Director  
Office of Legislative Budget Review

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Date: February 17, 2021

Re: Clerk Items 29-21, 40-21 & 46-21

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Attached are copies of the Fiscal Impact Statements for the Legislative Calendar for the February 22 hearing.

- 29-21: A Local Law to Amend the County Government Law of Nassau County in Relation to the Establishment of an Independently Elected Assessor.
- 40-21: A Local Law to establish the Dangerous Dog Registry and to require certain notice with respect thereto.
- 46-21: A Local Law Postponing the Date of the 2021 Sale of Tax Liens Pursuant to Article 2 of Title B of Chapter V of the Nassau County Administrative Code.



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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

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**TITLE:** A Local Law to Amend the County Government Law of Nassau County in Relation to the Establishment of an Independently Elected Assessor.

**SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION:**

Section 1. (601) of the County Government Law of Nassau County is amended to incorporate the following modifications.

The County Assessor shall be elected from the County at large for a term of four years. He shall be at all times a qualified elector of the County and shall give his whole time to the duties of the office and shall receive therefore a compensation to be fixed by ordinance. The Assessor may appoint officers and employees who may act on behalf and in place of the Assessor. These may include one or more Chief Deputy Assessors who will have the following minimum qualification standards.

1. (i) a degree from an accredited four-year college; and (ii) one year of satisfactory full-time paid experience in an occupation involving the valuation of real property, including but not limited to assessor, appraiser, valuation data manager, or real property appraisal aide, where such experience primarily involved collection and recording of property inventory data, preparation of comparable sales analysis reports, preparation of signed valuation, appraisal estimates or reports using cost, income or market data approaches to value; provided, however, that the listing of real property for potential sale or the preparation of asking prices of real estate for potential sale, using multiple listing reports or other published asking prices shall not be considered qualifying experience; or
2. (i.) a degree from an accredited two-year college; and (ii) two years of satisfactory full-time paid experience described in subparagraph (ii) of paragraph one of this subdivision; or
3. designation by the International Institute of Assessing Officers as one of the following:
  - i. Certified Assessment Evaluator
  - ii. Assessment Administration Specialist

- iii. Cadastral Mapping Specialist
  - iv. Personal Property Specialist
  - v. Residential Evaluation Specialist
4. In addition, the County Assessor, shall attain certification as a New York State certified assessor within three years of beginning his or her initial term of office. Any County Assessor who begins a new term of office without having attained certification during a prior term of office shall attain certification within twelve months of beginning such new term, but in no event shall any County Assessor be required to attain certification in less than thirty-six months of time in office.

The County Assessor shall be elected commencing with a special election to be held on the fourth Tuesday in June, two thousand twenty-two, the County Assessor shall be elected to an initial term that shall expire on December 31, two thousand twenty-five and shall take office immediately upon certification of the results of such election. Commencing with the general election to be held in November, two thousand twenty-five and every fourth year thereafter, the County Assessor shall be elected for a term of four years.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This local law shall take effect immediately upon certification by the Nassau County Board of Elections of an affirmative vote by referendum approving the instant local law in relation to the establishment of an independent elected assessor at a general election to be held on November 2, 2021.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

No fiscal impact is anticipated from the Proposed Local Law since the special election is expected to coincide with primary day. As such, there would be no additional expenses.

**ECONOMIC IMPACT:**

The Proposed Local Law is not expected to have an economic impact on the local economy.

**PREPARED BY:** Deirdre K. Calley, Deputy Director

**SOURCES:**

The Clerk Item  
The Office of the Majority Counsel



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**TITLE:**

A Local Law to establish the Dangerous Dog Registry and to require certain notice with respect thereto.

**SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION:**

This proposed Local Law adds Title XX to the Miscellaneous Laws of Nassau County. This law shall be known as Benny's Law; Registry of Dangerous Dog Determinations.

The Nassau County Police Department is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to contract with the Nassau County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals to create and maintain an online registry that shall list all dogs housed in Nassau County that have been judicially deemed "dangerous dogs" pursuant to New York State Agriculture and Markets Law § 123. This listing shall include the judicial order rendering such a determination.

The following information shall be listed with regard to "dangerous dogs":

- the address where housed,
- the date of the event that led to the court's "dangerous dog" determination,
- the duration of the designation, and
- the animal's breed, gender, weight, age and color.

Further, upon the judicial determination that a dog housed in Nassau County is deemed "dangerous," or upon the entrance of a dog into Nassau County that has been deemed "dangerous" by a court of competent jurisdiction, its owner shall register the dog with the Nassau County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and shall provide all information required to be posted by this Local Law.

For any judicial determination that a dog housed in Nassau County is deemed "dangerous", the Nassau County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals shall provide to the owner of such dog a copy of this Local Law, a copy of the notice and affidavit described in this Local Law, a listing of businesses and services that can assist with the identification of addresses within a one thousand foot radius of the home address of the "dangerous dog" and an explanation of the owner's obligations pursuant to this Local Law.

Not more than ten business days after notification to the owner of a "dangerous dog" by the Nassau County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, its owner shall mail the judicial

determination and a notice to all addresses within a one thousand feet radius of his or her residence that states the following:

- "This notice is mailed pursuant to Title XX of the Miscellaneous Laws of Nassau County to inform you that the dog housed at (address) was judicially determined to be a 'dangerous dog' pursuant to New York State Agriculture and Markets Law § 123."
- The "dangerous dog" owner shall submit a signed and notarized affidavit to Nassau County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals verifying that the notice has been mailed. Such affidavit shall be posted onto the website as required by this Local Law.

This Title shall be enforced by the Nassau County Police Department and the Nassau County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Any violation of this Title shall be punishable by a fine not exceeding \$500 for the violation. Each day or part of a day in which any such violation continues shall constitute a separate violation punishable by a fine not exceeding \$100 for the violation.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This Local Law will take effect immediately.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The purpose of the law is not to generate revenue nor incur expenses; both of which are expected to be nominal if any. According to the Police Department, training costs would potentially be limited to a training bulletin that may need to be created and dispersed to the officers. However, there could be some minimal additional overtime expended if there is an arrest with possible court time required. Conversely, small revenues, if any, may be generated from violations related to enforcing this Local Law.

**ECONOMIC IMPACT:**

There is no economic impact expected as a result of this Local Law.

**PREPARED BY:**

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**SOURCE OF INFORMATION:**

Police Department



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**TITLE:** A Local Law Postponing the Date of the 2021 Sale of Tax Liens Pursuant to Article 2 of Title B of Chapter V of the Nassau County Administrative Code.

**SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION:**

Nassau County Administrative Code Section 5-33.0(a) provides that the Nassau County Treasurer may sell tax liens as a means of enforcing the collection of real estate taxes. Nassau County Administrative Code Section 5-33.0(d) provides that the sale of tax liens shall commence on a day designated by the County Treasurer in the year following the year for which the tax lien was obtained and shall continue until all tax liens are sold and the County Treasurer declares the sale completed.

The Nassau County Treasurer has previously designated that the sale of tax liens in 2021 shall take place on or about February 16, 2021 at specified locations and has provided certain notices thereof.

Since Nassau County remains in the midst of an ongoing local state of emergency brought on by the COVID-19 public health crisis; and in light of the continuing public health crisis and the economic hardships suffered by many as a result thereof, a postponement of the tax lien sale is warranted.

Hence, this Proposed local law mandates that the sales of tax liens in 2021 shall be held on or about May 3, 2021.

The County Treasurer shall provide all required mailings and notices and otherwise publish any required advertisements in accordance with the provisions of Article 2 of Title B of Chapter V of the Nassau County Administrative Code at such time as would be consistent with the tax lien sale date designated pursuant to this local law.

To the extent that the Nassau County Treasurer has mailed or provided notice or otherwise published any advertisements of a 2021 sale of tax liens indicating a sale date other than on or about May 3, 2021, the Nassau County Treasurer is directed to mail, provide and/or publish revised notices or advertisements consistent with the tax lien sale date designated pursuant to the provisions of this local law and otherwise in accordance with the provisions of Article 2 of Title B of Chapter V of the Nassau County Administrative Code.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This local law shall take effect immediately.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

According to the Treasurer's Office, the proposed local law will only delay the collection of about \$45.0 million in tax sale revenues by 90 days. They further state that the cashflow impact can be managed and no net fiscal impact is anticipated.

**ECONOMIC IMPACT:**

The Proposed Local Law is not expected to have an economic impact on the local economy.

**PREPARED BY:** Deirdre K. Calley, Deputy Director

**SOURCES:**

The Treasurer's Office