

Amendment in the Nature of a Substitution – Clerk Item #92-21

Introduced by: Presiding Officer Richard J. Nicoletto, Deputy Presiding Officer Howard J. Kopel, Alternate Deputy Presiding Officer Denise Ford, and Legislators C. William Gaylor, III, Vincent T. Muscarella, James Kennedy, Thomas McKeivitt, Laura Schaefer, John R. Ferretti, Jr., Rose Marie Walker, and Steven D. Rhoads

LOCAL LAW 8 -2021

A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT LAW OF NASSAU COUNTY TO EXPAND DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS TO PERMITTEES UNDER USE AND OCCUPANCY PERMITS FOR COUNTY PROPERTY

Passed by the Nassau County Legislature on April 26, 2021

Voting: ayes: 19, nays: 0

Became a law on April 30, 2021 with the approval of the County Executive

APPROVED AS TO FORM



Majority Counsel

WHEREAS, this Legislature has enacted laws to provide for registration, increased oversight and public disclosure of vendors operating in or doing business with Nassau County; and

WHEREAS, in the interest of the public good such laws provide greater transparency as to the operations of County government and as to the activities of those entities or individuals that do business, seek to do business or enter into an agreement with Nassau County; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest to promote even greater transparency and enhanced disclosure with regard to campaign contribution activity to elected Nassau County officials and candidates for office by those entities that have entered into agreements with Nassau County for the use and occupancy of County-owned property; now, therefore

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

Section 1. The County Government Law of Nassau County is amended to add the following sections:

§1122(b). Required Disclosures under Use and Occupancy Agreements.

Occupant Disclosure

Any person or organization, prior to executing any contract or agreement with the County of Nassau for the use and occupancy of County-owned property for residential purposes, excluding federally or state subsidized military or veteran's housing, with a fee in excess of \$25,000 charged by the County for the use and occupancy of the property, or as otherwise required by 1122(d) shall cause to be filed with the County Attorney the following form:

COUNTY OF NASSAU

USE AND OCCUPANCY OF COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY DISCLOSURE FORM

1. Name of the Person, Persons, or Entity: _____
Address: _____
City, State and Zip Code: _____
2. Entity's Vendor Identification Number: _____
3. Type of Business: Public Corp Partnership Joint Venture
 Ltd. Liability Co Closely Held Corp _____ Other (specify)
4. List names and addresses of all proposed occupants and permittees or any principals; that is, all individuals serving on the Board of Directors or comparable body, all partners and limited partners, all corporate officers, all parties of Joint Ventures, and all members and officers of limited liability companies (attach additional sheets if necessary):

5. List names and addresses of all shareholders, members, or partners of the firm. If the shareholder is not an individual, list the individual shareholders/partners/members. If a Publicly held Corporation, include a copy of the 10K in lieu of completing this section.

6. List all affiliated and related companies and their relationship to the firm or entity entered on line 1. above (if none, enter "None"). Attach a separate disclosure form for each affiliated or subsidiary company that may take part in the performance of this contract. Such disclosure shall be updated to include affiliated or subsidiary companies not previously disclosed that participate in the performance of the contract.

7. List all lobbyists whose services were utilized at any stage in this matter. The term "lobbyist" means any and every person or organization retained, employed or designated by any client to influence - or promote a matter before - Nassau County, its agencies, boards, commissions, department heads, legislators or committees, including but not limited to the Open Space and Parks Advisory Committee and Planning Commission. Such matters include, but are not limited to, requests for proposals, development or improvement of real property subject to County regulation, procurements. The term "lobbyist" does not include any officer, director, trustee, employee, counsel or agent of the County of Nassau, or State of New York, when discharging his or her official duties.

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(a) Name, title, business address and telephone number of lobbyist(s):

(b) Describe lobbying activity of each lobbyist. **See below for a complete description of lobbying activities.**

(c) List whether and where the person/organization is registered as a lobbyist (e.g., Nassau County, New York State):

8. VERIFICATION: This section must be signed by all proposed permittees prior to executing any contract or agreement with the County of Nassau for the use and occupancy of County-owned property.

The undersigned affirms and so swears that he/she has read and understood the foregoing statements and they are, to his/her knowledge, true and accurate.

Dated: _____

Signed: _____

Print Name: _____

Title: _____

The term lobbying shall mean any attempt to influence: any determination made by the Nassau County Legislature, or any member thereof, with respect to the introduction, passage, defeat, or substance of any local legislation or resolution; any determination by the County Executive to support, oppose, approve or disapprove any local legislation or resolution, whether or not such legislation has been introduced in the County Legislature; any determination by an elected County official or an officer or employee of the County with respect to the procurement of goods, services or construction, including the preparation of contract specifications, including by not limited to the preparation of requests for proposals, or solicitation, award or administration of a contract or with respect to the solicitation, award or administration of a grant, loan, or agreement involving the disbursement of public monies; any determination made by the County Executive, County Legislature, or by the County of Nassau, its agencies, boards, commissions, department heads or committees, including but not limited to the Open Space and Parks Advisory Committee, the Planning Commission, with respect to the zoning, use, development or improvement of real property subject to County regulation, or any agencies, boards, commissions, department heads or committees with respect to requests for proposals, bidding, procurement or contracting for services for the County; any determination made by an elected county official or an officer or employee of the county with respect to the terms of the acquisition or disposition by the county of any interest in real property, with respect to a license or permit for the use of real property of or by the county, or with respect to a franchise, concession or revocable consent; the proposal, adoption, amendment or rejection by an agency of any rule having the force and effect of law; the decision to hold, timing or outcome of any rate making proceeding before an agency; the agenda or any determination of a board or commission; any determination regarding the calendaring or scope of any legislature oversight hearing; the issuance, repeal, modification or substance of a County Executive Order; or any determination made by an elected county official or an officer or employee of the county to support or oppose any state or federal legislation, rule or regulation, including any determination made to support or oppose that is contingent on any amendment of such legislation, rule or regulation, whether or not such legislation has been formally introduced and whether or not such rule or regulation has been formally proposed.

§1122(c) Disclosure of Campaign Contributions

Any person or organization, prior to the consideration of the Rules Committee of the Nassau County Legislature of any contract or agreement with the County of Nassau for the use and occupancy of County-owned property for residential purposes, excluding federally or state subsidized military or veteran's housing, with a fee in excess of \$25,000 charged by the County for the use and occupancy of the property, or for contracts or agreements not subject to the review of the Rules Committee of the Nassau County Legislature, prior to the execution by the County Executive, shall file or cause to be filed with the County Attorney as an addendum to the Disclosure Form described in §1122(b) of the County Government Law of Nassau County the following form:

COUNTY OF NASSAU

POLITICAL CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION DISCLOSURE FORM

1. Has the entity or principals as described in section 4 of the Disclosure Form provided campaign contributions within the previous two years pursuant to the New York State Election Law to the campaign committees of any of the following Nassau County elected officials or to the campaign committees of any candidates for any of the following Nassau County elected offices: the County Executive, the County Clerk, the Comptroller, the District Attorney, or any County Legislator? If yes, to what campaign committee?

2. VERIFICATION: This section must be signed by all proposed permittees prior to executing any contract or agreement with the County of Nassau for the use and occupancy of County-owned property.

The undersigned affirms and so swears that he/she has read and understood the foregoing statements and they are, to his/her knowledge, true and accurate.

The undersigned further certifies and affirms that the contribution(s) to the campaign committees identified above were made freely and without duress, threat or any promise of a governmental benefit or in exchange for any benefit or remuneration.

Dated: _____

Signed: _____

Print Name: _____

Title: _____

§1122(d) Disclosure of Campaign Contributions by Existing Permittees

Within thirty days of the adoption of this local law, any permittee who occupies or resides on County Property shall file or cause to be filed with the County Attorney the Use and Occupancy of County Owned Property Disclosure Form set forth in §1122(b) and the Political Contribution Disclosure Form set forth in §1122(c).

§2. 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.

§3. This local law shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED

County Executive

Date

4-30-21