

VEHICLES, COUNTY-OWNED

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**Suffolk County**

**Uncodified Local Law Provisions**

**Local Law No. 7-1998 also provided as follows:**

Section 1. Legislative intent.

This Legislature hereby finds and determines that Local Law No. 18-1991, "A Local Law Establishing Reporting Policy for Use of County Vehicles," was adopted to establish a reporting policy whereby county department heads are required to justify to the County Legislature the assignment of vehicles to individual employees.

This Legislature further finds that the method by which automobiles are assigned to county employees needs to be reformed because revelations and public disclosures over the past 36 months illustrate blatant abuses in the county's vehicle assignment and utilization program.

Therefore, the purpose of this law is to strengthen the county's reporting policy for the use of county vehicles by restricting the assignment and use of automobiles assigned to county employees in accordance with sensible cost-effective standards.

Section 3. Applicability.

This law shall apply to the assignment and/or use of county vehicles occurring on or after the effective date of this law.

**Local Law No. 20-2003 also provided as follows:**

Section 1. Legislative intent.

This Legislature hereby finds and determines that the proliferation of SUV's acquired by the County of Suffolk, including individuals with white collar jobs and no discernible need for the use of such vehicles, and for individuals whose vehicle use is essentially limited to activities that do not justify the use of such a vehicle since they are not operating in rough terrain nor require the extra storage space, is wasting scarce County resources at a time of difficult fiscal and economic circumstances.

This Legislature also determines that there should be a rational relationship between the cost of acquiring such a vehicle and its usage because the County has an obligation to be frugal with taxpayer dollars.

This Legislature also finds and determines that containing such frivolous costs in a time of economic dislocation, tight budgets, service reductions, programmatic cutbacks, and difficult fiscal decisions constitutes an essential first step to requesting such sacrifices from the public.

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Therefore, the purpose of this law is to require a formal rational and legislative approval before SUV's may be purchased or leased by the County of Suffolk and to require a cost benefit analysis and Legislative approval for all vehicle acquisitions by the County of Suffolk.

### Section 2. Definitions.

#### A. SPORTS UTILITY VEHICLE (SUV) —

- (1) Acura MDX;
- (2) Audi Allroad;
- (3) BMW X5;
- (4) Buick Rendezvous;
- (5) Cadillac SRX;
- (6) Chrysler Pacifica;
- (7) Ford Escape;
- (8) Honda CR-V;
- (9) Honda Element;
- (10) Honda Pilot;
- (11) Hyundai Santa Fe;
- (12) Infiniti FX;
- (13) Land Rover Freelander;
- (14) Lexus RX300/RX330;
- (15) Mazda Tribute;
- (16) Mitsubishi Endeavor;
- (17) Mitsubishi Outlander;
- (18) Nissan Murano;
- (19) Pontiac Aztek;
- (20) Porsche Cayenne;
- (21) Saturn VUE;
- (22) Subaru Forester;
- (23) Subaru Outback;
- (24) Toyota Highlander;
- (25) Toyota RAV4;
- (26) Volkswagen Touareg;
- (27) Volvo XC70 (Cross Country);
- (28) Volvo XC90;
- (29) Chevrolet Blazer;
- (30) Chevrolet Tracker;
- (31) Chevrolet TrailBlazer;
- (32) Dodge Durango;
- (33) Ford Explorer;
- (34) GMC Envoy;
- (35) Isuzu Ascender;
- (36) Isuzu Axiom;
- (37) Isuzu Rodeo/Rodeo Sport;
- (38) Jeep Grand Cherokee;
- (39) Jeep Liberty;
- (40) Jeep Wrangler;
- (41) Kia Sorento;

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- (42) Land Rover Discovery;
- (43) Land Rover Range Rover;
- (44) Lexus GX470;
- (45) Lincoln Aviator;
- (46) Mercedes-Benz M-Class;
- (47) Mercury Mountaineer;
- (48) Mitsubishi Montero;
- (49) Mitsubishi Montero Sport;
- (50) Nissan Pathfinder;
- (51) Nissan Xterra;
- (52) Oldsmobile Bravada;
- (53) Suzuki Vitara/XL-7;
- (54) Toyota 4Runner;
- (55) Cadillac Escalade;
- (56) Chevrolet Suburban;
- (57) Chevrolet Tahoe;
- (58) Ford Excursion;
- (59) Ford Expedition;
- (60) GMC Yukon;
- (61) GMC Yukon XL;
- (62) Hummer H2;
- (63) Lexus LX470;
- (64) Lincoln Navigator;
- (65) Toyota Land Cruiser;
- (66) Toyota Sequoia;
- (67) Chevrolet Astro;
- (68) Chevrolet Venture;
- (69) Chrysler Town & Country;
- (70) Chrysler Voyager;
- (71) Dodge Caravan/Grand Caravan;
- (72) Ford Windstar;
- (73) GMC Safari;
- (74) Honda Odyssey;
- (75) Kia Sedona;
- (76) Mazda MPV;
- (77) Nissan Quest;
- (78) Oldsmobile Silhouette;
- (79) Pontiac Montana;
- (80) Toyota Sienna;
- (81) Volkswagen Euro Van;
- (82) Chevrolet TrailBlazer EXT;
- (83) Ford Taurus (Wagon);
- (84) Mercury Sable (Wagon);
- (85) Suzuki XL-7;
- (86) GMC Envoy XL;
- (87) Volvo V70; and any successor vehicles thereto.

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- B. PICKUP TRUCK —
- (1) Chevrolet S-10;
  - (2) Chevrolet SSR;
  - (3) Dodge Dakota;
  - (4) Ford Explorer Sport Trac;
  - (5) Ford Ranger;
  - (6) GMC Sonoma;
  - (7) Mazda B-Series;
  - (8) Nissan Frontier;
  - (9) Subaru Baja;
  - (10) Toyota Tacoma;
  - (11) Cadillac Escalade EXT;
  - (12) Chevrolet Avalanche;
  - (13) Chevrolet Silverado;
  - (14) Dodge Ram;
  - (15) Ford F-150;
  - (16) GMC Sierra;
  - (17) Toyota Tundra; and any successor vehicles thereto;
- C. POLICE — The Suffolk County Police Department. **[Added 12-2-2003 by L.L. No. 30-2003]**
- D. SHERIFF DEPARTMENT — The Suffolk County Sheriff's Office. **[Added 12-2-2003 by L.L. No. 30-2003]**

Section 4. Applicability. **[Amended 12-2-2003 by L.L. No. 30-2003]**

- A. This law shall apply to all vehicle acquisitions occurring on or after the effective date of this law as well as the assignment and use of County vehicles occurring on or after the effective date of this law.
- B. This law shall not apply to a vehicle that is assigned and used as a substitute for specific functions that would otherwise require the use of a truck, as determined via duly enacted resolution of the County of Suffolk.
- C. Section 186-2B(6) of the Suffolk County Code shall not apply to police vehicles, Sheriff Department vehicles, County Parks Police vehicles, vehicles assigned for use by the County Department of Fire, Rescue and Emergency Services for the exclusive purpose of directly responding to an emergency incident and vehicles assigned to the District Attorney's office. **[Amended 12-6-2005 by L.L. No. 36-2005; 8-8-2006 by L.L. No. 42-2006]**

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### **Local Law No. 36-2005 also provided as follows:**

#### Section 1. Legislative intent.

This Legislature hereby finds and determines that the purchase or lease of any vehicle by the County of Suffolk is based on the County vehicle standard as contained in Chapter 186 of the Suffolk County Code, unless such requirement is waived via duly enacted resolution of the County of Suffolk.

This Legislature finds that this restriction exempts police vehicles and Sheriff Department vehicles from the restrictions imposed by § 186-2B(6) of the Suffolk County Code, on the theory that time is of the essence for the acquisition of public-safety vehicles.

Therefore, the purpose of this law is to also exempt vehicles used by Parks Police, and by the County Department of Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Services from these restrictions.

#### Section 3. Applicability.

This law shall apply to all vehicle acquisitions occurring on or after the effective date of this law as well as the assignment and use of County vehicles occurring on or after the effective date of this law.

### **Local Law No. 30-2003 also provided as follows:**

#### Section 1. Legislative intent.

This Legislature hereby finds and determines that Resolution No. 321-2003 (I.R. 1135-2003), Adopting a Local Law to Restrict Purchase of Sports Utility Vehicles (SUV) in Suffolk County,” adopted on June 24, 2003, via an override of the County Executive’s veto, as Local Law 20-2003.

This Legislature also finds and determines that the County should not be restricted to purchases or leases off the state contract.

Therefore, the purpose of this law is to allow the purchase of sports utility vehicles from either the County contract or state contract, whichever costs less, as long as there is compliance with the County vehicle standard and to exempt Sheriff Department vehicles from all SUV restrictions.

#### Section 3. Applicability.

This law shall apply to all vehicle acquisitions occurring on or after the effective date of this law, as well as the assignment and use of vehicles occurring on or after the effective date of this law.

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### **Local Law No. 41-2006 also provided as follows:**

#### Section 1. Legislative intent.

This Legislature hereby finds and determines that the increasing price of gasoline is making it more expensive for the County of Suffolk to operate its County vehicle fleet.

This Legislature also finds and determines that the County of Suffolk has made great strides in promoting the use of alternative fuels due to their positive environmental effects, but more can be done to encourage the use of alternative fuels in order to promote a more efficient, cost-saving government operation.

This Legislature further finds and determines that certain alternative fuels, such as E85, or an 85% concentration of ethanol, can be utilized in a flex-fuel vehicle in the same manner as gasoline, without expensive engine modifications.

This Legislature finds that, like bio-diesel, E85 can be produced domestically, thereby helping to reduce our dependence on foreign sources of energy.

Therefore, the purpose of this law is to offer direct savings to County taxpayers by updating the County vehicle standard to include requirements that vehicles be purchased or leased only if they meet minimum fuel efficiency standards and are capable of operating on alternative fuels.

#### Section 2. Definitions.

As used in this law, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

E85 – 85% ethanol.

FLEX-FUEL VEHICLE — A vehicle having a single fuel tank, fuel system and engine which is designed to run on either unleaded gasoline or an alcohol fuel in any mixture.

GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT — The value specified by the manufacturer of a motor vehicle model as the maximum design loaded weight of a single vehicle of that model.

#### Section 4. Requirements.

The Commissioner of the Department of Public Works is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to file with the Clerk of the County Legislature a written County vehicle standard within three months of the effective date of this law.

#### Section 5. Applicability.

This law shall apply to all actions occurring on or after the effective date of this law.