MEMORANDUM

TO: Legislators, Directors, Staff and Media

FROM: Jack Moffitt, Clerk of the Legislature

DATE: August 13, 2019

RE: Substitution of Referral No. 19-0197.LL

At the request of President Dr. Joe Carbone, referral no. 19-0197.LL entitled "Enact a Local Law Entitled "Regulation of Grease Trap Covers in Monroe County" has been replaced with the attached document.

Attachments
Office of the County Executive
MONROE COUNTY, NEW YORK

Cheryl Dinolfo
County Executive

August 13, 2019

To The Honorable
Monroe County Legislature
407 County Office Building
Rochester, NY 14614

Subject: Enact a Local Law Entitled “Regulation of Grease Trap Covers in Monroe County”

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body enact a Local Law regulating grease trap covers in Monroe County. This local law shall be known and may be cited as Bryce’s Law.

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While Monroe County has not been and is not responsible for the ongoing inspection and enforcement of grease trap manhole covers, it is unacceptable that there are not uniform standards for this type of infrastructure across New York.

Until Albany takes action to provide clear statewide law or regulation, it is imperative that Monroe County take the lead to address this ambiguity under the law. I am therefore introducing for your consideration a new Local Law that will require specific safety and security standards for grease trap covers in Monroe County, while also ensuring compliance through regular inspections.

The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Schedule and hold a Public Hearing on the proposed Local Law.

2. Enact a Local Law regulating the use of Grease Traps in Monroe County.

Environmental assessments were completed for this action and it was determined that there would be no significant effect on the environment.
Funding for this Local Law is included in the 2019 operating budget of the Department of Public Health, general fund 9001, funds center 5806060000, Food Inspection Services. No additional net County support is required in the current Monroe County budget.

I recommend that this matter receive favorable action by Your Honorable Body.

Sincerely,

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Monroe County Executive
ENACTING LOCAL LAW ENTITLED “REGULATION OF GREASE TRAP COVERS IN MONROE COUNTY”

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF MONROE, as follows:

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Section 7. This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing in the office of the Secretary of State.

Matter of Urgency
File No. 19-0197.LL

ADOPTION: Date: ____________, 2019

Vote: ___
ACTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

APPROVED: ___________________  VETOED: ____________________

SIGNATURE: ___________________  DATE: ____________________

EFFECTIVE DATE OF LOCAL LAW: ____________________
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