LOCAL LAW #1 OF 2024

A LOCAL LAW ALLOWING DELINQUENT OVERGROWN VEGETATION, SNOW REMOVAL, GARBAGE CAN, BULK PICK-UP, DEAD TREE REMOVAL, AND BUILDING DEMOLITION CHARGES TO BE RELEVIED INTO REAL PROPERTY TAX BILLS

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIDDLETOWN AS FOLLOWS:

<u>Section 1</u>. Purpose of this Enactment.

The purpose of this enactment is to allow delinquent overgrown vegetation, snow removal, garbage can, bulk pick-up, dead tree removal, and building demolition charges to be re-levied into real property tax bills.

<u>Section 2</u>. Section 79 of the Charter of the City of Middletown is hereby amended to add a new Paragraph 4, to read in its entirety as follows:

Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph 1, above, in this Section, and notwithstanding any other provision in this Charter, any overgrown vegetation, snow removal, garbage can, bulk pick-up, dead tree removal, or building demolition charge not received by the Treasurer by its due date shall be considered delinquent, and shall be levied, together with late-payment fees, into the general city property tax at the time of the next levy. Such amounts shall be indicated in a separate column on the tax roll issued against the subject real property. Such relevied overgrown vegetation, snow removal, garbage can, bulk pick-up, dead tree removal, and building demolition liens shall be subject to the same penalties imposed for the nonpayment of City taxes, and shall be collected in the same manner as provided in this Charter for the collection and enforcement of delinquent property taxes.

Section 3. Severability.

If the provisions of any article, section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision or clause of this Local Law shall be judged invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such order of judgment shall not affect or invalidate the remainder of any article, section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision or clause of this Local Law.

Section 4. Effective Date.

This Local Law shall be effective upon filing with the Secretary of State.