

LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF 2020

A LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT FOR FISCAL
YEAR 2021 PURSUANT TO GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW SECTION 3-c

BE IT ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Saratoga Springs, New York, as follows:

SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE INTENT

The City Council of the City of Saratoga Springs acknowledges that it is vitally important to use monies collected as taxes in a fiscally responsible manner. It is of the utmost importance to keep the real property tax levy to the lowest reasonable amount, especially in these economically difficult times. However, the City's financial professionals have reviewed the City's current financial position and the projected expenditures that will be necessary to provide appropriate and necessary services to the public, and have determined that the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget may require a tax levy increase that is greater than that allowed by New York General Municipal Law Section 3-c.

It is the intent of this Local Law to allow the City Council of the City of Saratoga Springs to adopt a budget for the year 2021 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the tax levy limit as defined by General Municipal Law Section 3-c.

SECTION 2. AUTHORITY

This Local Law is adopted pursuant to Subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law Section 3-c, which expressly authorizes the governing board of a county, city, town or village to override the tax levy limit by the adoption of a local law approved by 60 percent (60%) of the voting power of the governing board.

SECTION 3. TAX LEVY LIMIT OVERRIDE

The City Council of the City of Saratoga Springs is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the Fiscal Year 2021 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the limit specified in General Municipal Law Section 3-c.

SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY

If any part or provision of this local law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance, be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision or part of this local law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstance directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

SECTION 5 EFFECTIVE DATE

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing in the office of the Secretary of the State of New York, in accordance with section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

ADOPTED: September 15, 2020

Ayes - 5

Nays - 0