

LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2024, AUTHORIZING THE OVERRIDE OF THE TAX LEVY LIMIT PROVIDED AT GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW ARTICLE 2, § 3-c FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025

Be it enacted by the Village Board of the Village of West Haverstraw, as follows:

Section 1: Chapter 219, Article IX of the Village Code of the Village of West Haverstraw, entitled “Tax Levy Limit Override”, is hereby amended to override the tax levy limit on the amount of real property taxes that may be levied by the Village of West Haverstraw pursuant to General Municipal Law Article 2, § 3-c, and to allow the Village to adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2024-2025 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the “tax levy limit” as defined by General Municipal Law Article 2, § 3-c. As amended, Chapter 219, Article IX, shall read as follows:

ARTICLE IX

Tax Levy Limit Override – 2024-2025

§ 219-44 Legislative Intent.

It is the intent of this Local Law to override the limit on the amount of real property taxes that may be levied by the Village of West Haverstraw pursuant to General Municipal Law Article 3, § 3-c, and to allow the Village to adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2024-2025 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the “tax levy limit” as defined by General Municipal Law Article 2, § 3-c.

The override is necessary in order to allow the Village, without penalty, to fund various infrastructure improvements required to maintain same in a safe and lasting condition; to pay the ever-increasing cost of health benefits made available to all full-time village employees and elected and appointed officials; and, in addition, to fund the increased salary costs that will be incurred if there is a union collective bargaining agreement ratified with UPSEU on behalf of various employees at the Department of Public Works.

§ 219-45 Authority.

This Local law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law Article 2, § 3-c, which expressly authorizes the Village Board to override the tax levy limit by the adoption of a local law approved by a vote of sixty percent (60%) of the Village Board.

§ 219-46 Tax Levy Limit Override.

The Village Board of the Village of West Haverstraw, County of Rockland, is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2024-2025 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise proscribed in General Municipal Law Article 2, § 3-c.

§ 219-47 Severability.

If any clause, paragraph, subdivision or part of this article or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance, shall be adjusted 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 article 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 2: Effective Date. This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon its filing with the Secretary of State.