

# Local Law Filing

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☐ County ☐ City ☐ Town ☒ Village  
(Select one:)

of Rockville Centre

Local Law No. 2 of the year 2021

(Insert Title)

**A local law authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c.**

Be it enacted by the Board of Trustees of the  
(Name of Legislative Body)

☐ County ☐ City ☐ Town ☒ Village  
(Select one:)

of Rockville Centre as follows:

## Section 1. Purpose and Legislative Intent

Pursuant to Chapter 97 of the Laws of 2011, the New York State Legislature has enacted a “tax levy limit” applicable to the Village budget. However, since the enactment of that law, it has become apparent that the complexities and consequences of that legislation are not fully understood, even by the government agencies charged with its interpretation and enforcement. As a consequence of the severe budgetary limitations imposed by that legislation, the inability of the Village to obtain clear information from the government agencies charged with interpretation and enforcement of that legislation, and continuing pressures on Village budgets resulting in part from unfunded State mandates, the Village may be required to exceed the levy limit for the next ensuing Village fiscal year, or might inadvertently exceed that limit without intending to do so. Furthermore, because the Village historically has maintained a low tax levy in past years, the tax levy limit imposed by the State legislation permits only a minimal increase in the Village levy, which is likely to be insufficient to accommodate future expenses. The consequences of exceeding the tax levy limit are severe for future Village budgets, even in the event the limit is exceeded inadvertently. Accordingly, the Board of Trustees of the Village hereby determines that it is in the best interests of the Village, its residents and taxpayers that the Village have authority to adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2021-2022 which includes a real property tax levy in excess of the “tax levy limit” as defined by General Municipal Law § 3-c,

should the Board of Trustees determine that it is necessary to do so.

## **Section 2. Authority**

This local law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law §3-c, which expressly authorizes a local government's governing body to override the property tax cap for the coming fiscal year by the adoption of a local law approved by a vote of sixty percent (60%) of said governing body.

## **Section 3. Tax Levy Limit Override**

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Rockville Centre is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise prescribed in General Municipal Law §3-c.

## **Section 4. Severability**

If a court determines that any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance is invalid or unconstitutional, the court's order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder of this local law, 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 adoption pursuant to the Municipal Home Rule Law and General Municipal Law and shall be applicable only to the Village budget and real property tax levy for the next Village fiscal year commencing on or after such effective date.

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**(Complete the certification in the paragraph that applies to the filing of this local law and strike out that which is not applicable.)**

**1. (Final adoption by local legislative body only.)**

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. 2 of 2021 of the ~~(County)(City)(Town)~~(Village) of Rockville Centre was duly passed by the Board of Trustees on March 18, 2021, in accordance with the applicable *(Name of Legislative Body)* provisions of law.

**2. (Passage by local legislative body with approval, no disapproval or repassage after disapproval by the Elective Chief Executive Officer\*.)**

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. \_\_\_\_\_ of 20\_\_ of the ~~(County)(City)(Town)~~(Village) of \_\_\_\_\_ was duly passed by the \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_, and was (approved)(not approved) *(Name of Legislative Body)* (repassed after disapproval) by the \_\_\_\_\_ and was deemed duly adopted *(Elective Chief Executive Officer\*)* on \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_, in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.

**3. (Final adoption by referendum.)**

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. \_\_\_\_\_ of 20\_\_ of the ~~(County)(City)(Town)~~(Village) of \_\_\_\_\_ was duly passed by the \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_, and was (approved)(not approved) *(Name of Legislative Body)* (repassed after disapproval) by the \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_. *(Elective Chief Executive Officer\*)*

Such local law was submitted to the people by reason of a (mandatory)(permissive) referendum, and received the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors voting thereon at the (general)(special)(annual) election held on \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_, in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.

**4. (Subject to permissive referendum and final adoption because no valid petition was filed requesting referendum.)**

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. \_\_\_\_\_ of 20\_\_ of the ~~(County)(City)(Town)~~(Village) of \_\_\_\_\_ was duly passed by the \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_, and was (approved)(not approved) *(Name of Legislative Body)* (repassed after disapproval) by the \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_. Such local *(Elective Chief Executive Officer\*)* law was subject to permissive referendum and no valid petition requesting such referendum was filed as of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_, in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.

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\* Elective Chief Executive Officer means or includes the chief executive officer of a county elected on a county-wide basis or, if there be none, the chairperson of the county legislative body, the mayor of a city or village, or the supervisor of a town where such officer is vested with the power to approve or veto local laws or ordinances.

**5. (City local law concerning Charter revision proposed by petition.)**

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. \_\_\_\_\_ of 20\_\_ of the City of \_\_\_\_\_ having been submitted to referendum pursuant to the provisions of section (36)(37) of the Municipal Home Rule Law, and having received the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors of such city voting thereon at the (special)(general) election held on \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_, became operative.

**6. (County local law concerning adoption of Charter.)**

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. \_\_\_\_\_ of 20\_\_ of the County of \_\_\_\_\_ State of New York, having been submitted to the electors at the General Election of November \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_, pursuant to subdivisions 5 and 7 of section 33 of the Municipal Home Rule Law, and having received the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors of the cities of said county as a unit and a majority of the qualified electors of the towns of said county considered as a unit voting at said general election, became operative.

**(If any other authorized form of final adoption has been followed, please provide an appropriate certification.)**

I further certify that I have compared the preceding local law with the original on file in this office and that the same is a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of such original local law, and was finally adopted in the manner indicated in paragraph, \_\_\_\_1\_\_\_\_ above.

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~~Clerk of the county legislative body, City, Town or Village Clerk or~~  
~~officer designated by local legislative body~~

(Seal)

Date: March 18, 2021