

RESOLUTION No. ___ of 2024
To Introduce Proposed Local Law No 1 of 2024
Authorizing the Town Board to Override the Real Property Tax Levy Limit for the
2025 Fiscal Year Town Budget

At a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Stanford (“Town Board”), on the ____ day of _____, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., Town Supervisor, Wendy Burton, called the meeting to order. A motion was made by _____, seconded by _____, moved the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, a proposed Local Law has been prepared to override the limit on the amount of real property taxes that may be levied by the Town of Stanford pursuant to General Municipal Law § 3-c, and to allow the Town of Stanford to adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2025 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the “tax levy limit” as defined by General Municipal Law § 3-c, in order to enable the Town to include the budget of the Special Ambulance District within the Town’s overall real property tax levy; and

WHEREAS, the enactment of such a local law is an Unlisted Action under the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”); and

WHEREAS, there are no other involved agencies for the SEQRA review; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board prepared a Short Environmental Assessment Form (“EAF”); and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has considered the proposed action as defined in Sections 617.2(b) and 617.3(g) of the New York Department of Environmental Conservation (“DEC”) Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has reviewed the EAF and the criteria contained in Section 617.7(c) of the DEC Regulations and has thoroughly analyzed the identified relevant areas of environmental concern to determine if the proposed action may have a significant adverse impact on the environment; and

WHEREAS, the proposed action will not require permits and approvals from any other local, regional and State agencies, other than the Town Board prior to adoption of the proposed Local Law and therefore a coordinated SEQRA review is not required;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following proposed Local Law is hereby introduced, to be known as Local Law No. 1 of 2024, entitled “A Local Law Authorizing the Town Board to Override the Real Property Tax Levy Limit for the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget,” to read as follows:

BE IT ENACTED by the Town Board of the Town of Stanford as follows:

Section 1. Declaration of 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 Town of Stanford pursuant to General

Municipal Law § 3-c, and to allow the Town of Stanford to adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2025 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the “tax levy limit” as defined by General Municipal Law § 3-c, in order to enable the Town to include the budget of the Special Ambulance District within the Town’s overall real property tax levy.

Section 2. Authority. This Local Law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of Section 3-c of the New York General Municipal Law, which expressly authorizes the Town Board to override the New York Property Tax Cap for the coming fiscal year by the adoption of a local law approved by a vote of at least sixty percent (60%) of the Town Board.

Section 3. The Town Board of the Town of Stanford is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for Fiscal Year 2025 that requires a real property Tax Levy which is greater than the amount otherwise prescribed in Section 3-c of the New York General Municipal Law.

Section 4. This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the New York State Department of State.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby declares itself lead agency for this action under SEQRA; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that following its review and analysis, the Town Board determines that the proposed action will have no adverse environmental impacts, and hereby adopts a negative declaration for the reasons articulated in the EAF; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a public hearing be held in relation to the proposed local law as set forth in the form of notice, hereinafter provided, at which hearing parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard, to be held at the Town Hall on _____, 2024, at 7 o’clock P.M., and that notice of said meeting shall be published in the official newspaper of general circulation in the Town of Stanford by the Town Clerk, at least five (5) days before such hearing and that such notice shall be in the following form:

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TAKE NOTICE that the Town Board of the Town of Stanford will hold a public hearing at the Town Hall, 26 Town Hall Road, Stanfordville, New York 12581, on _____, 2024, at 7 o’clock P.M. on Proposed Local Law No. ___ of 2024, entitled “A Local Law Authorizing the Town Board to Override the Real Property Tax Levy Limit for the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget.”

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that copies of the aforesaid proposed local law will be available for examination at the Town of Stanford Town Hall, 26 Town Hall Road, Stanfordville, New York, during normal business hours on all business days between the date of this notice and the date of the public hearing.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that all persons interested and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard on said proposal at the time and place aforesaid.

DATED: Stanfordville, New York
_____, 2024

RITAMARY BELL, TOWN CLERK

The foregoing resolution was voted upon with all Board members voting as follows:

Wendy Burton, Supervisor	_____
Julia Descoteaux, Councilwoman	_____
Eric Haims, Councilman	_____
Nathan Lavertue, Councilman	_____
Theodore Secor, Councilman	_____

DATED: Stanfordville, New York
June 13, 2024

RITAMARY BELL, TOWN CLERK