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September 10, 2024

Town Clerk  
Town of Watson  
6971 Number Four Road  
Lowville NY 13367

**RE: Town of Watson, Local Law 3 2024, filed on September 4 2024**

Dear Sir/Madam:

The above referenced material was filed by this office as indicated. Additional local law filing forms can be obtained from our website, [www.dos.ny.gov](http://www.dos.ny.gov).

Sincerely,  
State Records and Law Bureau  
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**Department  
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# Local Law Filing

(Use this form to file a local law with the Secretary of State.)

Text of law should be given as amended. Do not include matter being eliminated and do not use italics or underlining to indicate new matter.

County  City  Town  Village  
(Select one.)

of Watson \_\_\_\_\_

Local Law No. 3 of the year 2024

A local law to override the tax levy limit for fiscal year 2025  
(Insert Title)

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\_\_\_\_\_

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

County  City  Town  Village  
(Select one.)

of Watson \_\_\_\_\_ as follows:

(If additional space is needed, attach pages the same size as this sheet, and number each.)

LOCAL LAW NO. 3 OF 2024

"A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit for Fiscal Year 2025"

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Watson as follows:

SECTION 1. AUTHORITY

This Local Law is enacted pursuant to subdivision 5 of N.Y. General Municipal Law §3-c (the "Property Tax Cap Law"), which expressly authorizes the Town Board to override the tax levy limit by the adoption of a local law approved by vote of sixty percent (60%) of the Town Board.

SECTION 2. PURPOSE.

The purpose of this local law is to permit the Town Board to override the tax levy limit on the amount of property taxes that may be levied by the Town of Watson pursuant to the Property Tax Cap Law, and to allow the Town to adopt a budget for Fiscal Year 2025 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the "tax levy limit" as defined by the Property Tax Cap Law. Such override is necessary and in the best interests of the Town.

SECTION 3. TAX LEVY LIMIT OVERRIDE. The Town of Watson Town Board is hereby authorized to override the Tax Levy Limit established pursuant to N.Y. General Municipal Law §3-c, for Fiscal Year 2025, and to adopt a budget for Fiscal Year 2024 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise prescribed in N.Y. General Municipal Law §3-c.

SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part of this Local Law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance, shall 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 said clause, sentence, paragraph, section 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 order or judgment shall be rendered.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE

This local law shall take effect immediately upon its filing with the Secretary of State as provided in §27 of the N.Y. Municipal Home Rule.

(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. 3 of 2024 of the ~~(County)(City)(Town)(Village)~~ of Watson Town Board on August 28 2024, in accordance with the applicable 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 \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_, and was (approved)(not approved) \_\_\_\_\_ and was deemed duly adopted 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 \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_, and was (approved)(not approved) \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_. 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 \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_, and was (approved)(not approved) \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_. Such local 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.~~

\* 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 \_\_\_\_\_ above.

*Michelle Ward*

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

Date: August 28, 2024

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