

Introductory Local Law #11 of 2025

A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law § 3-C

BE IT ENACTED, by the Town of Chester, Town Board as follows:

Section 1. 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 Town of Chester pursuant to General Municipal Law § 3-c, and to allow the Town of Chester Town Board to adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2026 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the “tax levy limit” as defined by General Municipal Law §3-c.

Section 2. Authority.

This local law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law § 3-c, which expressly authorizes the Town Board to override the tax levy limit by the adoption of a local law approved by a vote of at least 60% of the Town Board.

Section 3. Tax Levy Limit Override – Budget Authorization.

The Town Board of the Town of Chester hereby overrides the tax levy limit for the Town of Chester for 2026 and authorizes the Town of Chester, after completing all required procedures for the adoption of a budget, to adopt a budget for 2026 that requires a tax levy that is greater than the tax levy limit calculated for 2025 pursuant to § 3-c of the General Municipal Law.

Section 4. Severability.

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, 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 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 with the Secretary of State.