

LOCAL LAW NO. 8-2011 OF THE YEAR 2011
TOWN OF BEDFORD

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

A local law to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law 3-c

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 Bedford and by certain Special Districts within the Town of Bedford pursuant to General Municipal Law §3-c, and to allow the Town of Bedford and certain Special Districts within the Town of Bedford to adopt budgets for the fiscal year 2012 that require a real property tax levy in excess of the “tax levy limit” as defined by General Municipal Law §3-c.

It is the determination of the Town Board of the Town of Bedford that the property tax cap recently enacted by the State Legislature is unfair to the residents of the Town of Bedford and certain Special Districts in the Town of Bedford and would severely curtail the ability of the Town of Bedford and certain Special Districts within the Town of Bedford to provide necessary services to Town residents. It also is the determination of the Bedford Town Board that to meet the dates by which the 2012 budget must by State law be adopted, the Town Board requires the flexibility which this local law would provide. Thus, it is in the best interests of the Town of Bedford and certain Special Districts in the Town of Bedford and its residents, that the within Local Law be enacted.

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 cap for the Town of Bedford and Special Districts located within the Town of Bedford by the adoption of a local law approved by vote of sixty percent (60%) of the Town Board.

Section 3. Tax Levy Limit Override

The Town Board of the Town of Bedford, County of Westchester is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the Town of Bedford for the fiscal year 2012 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise prescribed in General Municipal Law §3-c.

The Town Board of the Town of Bedford, County of Westchester is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the Bedford Village Park District for the fiscal year 2012 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise prescribed in General Municipal Law §3-c.

The Town Board of the Town of Bedford, County of Westchester is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the Bedford Hills Park District for the fiscal year 2012 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise prescribed in General Municipal Law §3-c.

The Town Board of the Town of Bedford, County of Westchester is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the Katonah Park Special District for the fiscal year 2012 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise prescribed in General Municipal Law §3-c.

The Town Board of the Town of Bedford, County of Westchester is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the Cedar Downs Water District for the fiscal year 2012 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise prescribed in General Municipal Law §3-c.

The Town Board of the Town of Bedford, County of Westchester is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the Consolidated Water District for the fiscal year 2012 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise prescribed in General Municipal Law §3-c.

The Town Board of the Town of Bedford, County of Westchester is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the Bedford Farms Water District for the fiscal year 2012 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise prescribed in General Municipal Law §3-c.

The Town Board of the Town of Bedford, County of Westchester is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the Old Post Road Water District for the fiscal year 2012 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise prescribed in General Municipal Law §3-c.

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 adjudicated 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.