

**Town of New Haven  
(DRAFT) Town of New Haven Local Law  
Local Law # 2 - 2026**

**A Local Law to Override the Real Property Tax Levy Limit Imposed by General Municipal Law Section 3-c**

Be it enacted by the Town Board the Town of New Haven as follows:

**§1: Title and Authority**

“A Local Law to Override the Real Property Tax Levy Limit Imposed by General Municipal Law Section 3-c” is enacted pursuant to New York State Constitution Art. IX, Section 10 of Municipal Home Rule Law and General Municipal Law Section 3-c (5) which authorizes the override of the tax levy limit by adoption of local law approved by more than sixty (60%) of the voting power of a town board.

**§2: Legislative Intent**

The intent of this Local Law is to override the limit on the amount of real property taxes that may be levied by the Town of New Haven as established pursuant to General Municipal Law §3-c, and to allow the Town of New Haven to adopt a Town Budget for the fiscal year 2027 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the “tax levy limit” as defined by General Municipal Law §3-c.

The Town Board of the Town of New Haven has reviewed the financial needs and obligations of the Town. The Town Board finds that it is necessary to override the tax levy for the fiscal year 2027 to address unfunded expenditures mandated by law, uncertain expenses and revenue streams controlled by the County and State, and increases in the cost of commodities, services and labor. The Town Board is obligated to prepare a responsible budget, which provides the Town's mandated obligations and provides appropriate and beneficial services, while minimizing the tax burden on Town citizens.

**§3: Tax Levy Limit Override**

The Town Board of the Town of New Haven is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2027 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the limit that is specified in General Municipal Law §3-c.

**§4. Repeal and Supersession of Other Laws.**

All other Ordinances, Resolutions, or Local Laws of the Town of New Haven which are in conflict with the provisions of this Local Law are hereby superseded or repealed to the extent necessary to give this Local Law force and effect during its effective period.

**§ 5: Effective Date**

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing in the office of the Secretary of State of New York.

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