

November 26, 2012

Finance Committee: 10-29-2012

RESOLUTION NO. 282-2012

**ADOPTING PROPOSED LOCAL LAW A (NO.     ) FOR THE YEAR 2012  
A LOCAL LAW OVERRIDING THE TAX LEVY LIMIT FOR ST. LAWRENCE  
COUNTY FOR 2013 AND AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION BY ST. LAWRENCE  
COUNTY OF A BUDGET FOR 2013 THAT REQUIRES A TAX LEVY THAT IS  
GREATER THAN THE TAX LEVY LIMIT FOR THE 2013 FISCAL YEAR**

By Mr. Morrill, Chair, Finance Committee

**BE IT ENACTED** by the Board of Legislators of the County of St. Lawrence as follows:

Section 1.     **Title:** This Local Law shall be known as “St. Lawrence County Responsible Budgeting Law of 2012”.

Section 2.     **Declaration of intent:** The intention of this local law is to comply with the requirements of General Municipal Law Section 3-c (5) prior to adopting the 2013 St. Lawrence County Budget. The slow recovery of the national, state and local economies from the most recent recession and the continued financial obligations imposed on the County by the State in the form of mandated government activities not fully funded by the State are conditions beyond the control of County government. Notwithstanding these circumstances the County will need to provide services in 2013, in addition to those mandated by the State, which are important to our citizens. After serious and sustained efforts to minimize the amount of the tax levy, and to project the tax levy limit for St. Lawrence County for 2013, it is clear that a responsible budget for 2013 will require a tax levy that will be greater than the tax levy limit calculated pursuant to applicable State Law.

Section 3.     **Budget Authorization:** The Board of Legislators hereby overrides the tax levy limit for St. Lawrence County for 2013 and authorizes St. Lawrence County, after completing all required procedures for the adoption of a budget, to adopt a budget for 2013 that requires a tax levy that is greater than the tax levy limit calculated for 2013 pursuant to Section 3-c of the General Municipal Law.

Section 4.     **Severability:** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or other portion of this local law is for any reason declared unconstitutional, or invalid or in whole or in part by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed severable and such unconstitutionality or invalidation shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this law which remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 5.     **Effective Date:**

This local law shall take effect upon the date on which a certified copy of this local law is filed in the office of the Secretary of State pursuant to section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

November 26, 2012

STATE OF NEW YORK            )  
  ) ss:  
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE    )

I, Kelly S. Pearson, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY**, that I have compared this Resolution No. 282 -2012 entitled "Adopting Proposed Local Law A (No. \_\_) for the Year 2012 a Local Law Overriding the Tax Levy Limit for St. Lawrence County for 2013 and Authorizing the Adoption by St. Lawrence County of a Budget for 2013 that Requires a Tax Levy that is Greater than the Tax Levy Limit for the 2013 Fiscal Year", Adopted November 26, 2012, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Pearson  
Kelly S. Pearson, Deputy Clerk  
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators  
November 27, 2012