December 1, 2003

Finance Committee: 11-24-2003

RESOLUTION NO. 304-2003

ADOPTING PROPOSED LOCAL LAW C (NO. 2) FOR THE YEAR 2003 AUTHORIZING A SEPARATE ENCLOSURE TO BE INSERTED INTO TAX BILL MAILINGS

By Mr. Nichols, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, a public hearing on proposed Local Law C (No. 2) for the Year 2003 has been held,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Local Law C (No. 2) for the Year 2003, Authorizing a Separate Enclosure to be Inserted into Tax Bill Mailings, is hereby adopted.

PROPOSED LOCAL LAW C (NO. 2) FOR THE YEAR 2003 AUTHORIZING A SEPARATE ENCLOSURE TO BE INSERTED INTO TAX BILL MAILINGS

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

- <u>Section 1.</u> Section 922 of the Real Property Tax Law provides the form and content of the town and county tax bill to be mailed by the collecting officer in each town and the City of Ogdensburg showing the amount of taxes due on each property.
- <u>Section 2.</u> St. Lawrence County receives 12.7% revenue on transactions done locally in Canton, Massena, Ogdensburg and the Gouverneur Department of Motor Vehicles.
- <u>Section 3.</u> Mail in renewal forms are preprinted with the Albany DMV address and a notice stating they must be renewed by mail, which is misleading.
- <u>Section 4.</u> It is imperative that all St. Lawrence County residents are notified that it is still possible to renew locally and that by doing so will help reduce county taxes.
- Section 5. This information will be distributed as a separate enclosure inserted into the tax bill mailing notifying county residents to renew locally and thus keeping the 12.7% revenue in their own county versus going to the State.

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Mr. Nichols moved to adopt Resolution No. 304-2003, seconded by Mr. Lacy. Mr. Nichols said that there is a printed version of what will be put in the tax bills, he complimented Patty Ritchie, County Clerk, for the suggestion and said that this will make the County money. Resolution No. 304-2003 carried unanimously by a roll call vote.