

LOCAL LAW #1 OF 2019

**AUTHORIZING A PROPERTY TAX LEVY IN EXCESS OF THE LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN  
GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW §3-C**

Be it enacted by the **Board of Trustees of the Village of Richfield Springs** as follows:

**§1. Legislative Intent**

It is the intent of this local law to allow the **Village of Richfield Springs** to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing June 1, 2019 and ending May 31, 2020, that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the “tax levy limit” as defined by General Municipal Law §3-c.

The Board of Trustees is concerned about expenditures and revenues controlled by the County and the State that interact with the tax cap. The Board is obligated to prepare a responsible budget, which delivers the high level of services residents can expect, while minimizing the burden on taxpayers.

**§2. Authority**

This local law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law §3-c, which expressly authorizes a local government’s governing body to override the property tax cap for the coming fiscal year by the adoption of a local law approved by a vote of sixty percent (60%) of said governing body.

**§3. Tax Levy Limit Override**

**Board of Trustees of the Village of Richfield Springs** County of Otsego is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2019-2020 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise prescribed in General Municipal Law §3-c.

**§4. Severability**

If a court determines that any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance is invalid or unconstitutional, the court’s order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder of this local law, 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.

**§5. Effective Date**

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.