HAVERSTRAW TOWN BOARD
NOVEMBER 4, 2026

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. ROLL CALL – COUNCILMAN CANCEL, COUNCILMAN GAMBOLI, COUNCILMAN KIRSCHKEL, COUNCILMAN ORTIZ AND SUPERVISOR PHILLIPS

3. PUBLIC HEARING -PRELIMINARY BUDGET - TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW 2027

ROLL CALL - COUNCILMAN CANCEL; COUNCILMAN GAMBOLI; COUNCILMAN KIRSCHKEL; COUNCILMAN ORTIZ, AND SUPERVISOR PHILLIPS

PURPOSE OF PUBLIC HEARING

THIS HEARING IS BEING HELD TO DISCUSS AND SOLICIT COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC REGARDING THE PRELIMINARY TOWN BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2027.

TOWN CLERK READ PROOF OF PUBLICATION

PRESENTATION BY SUPERVISOR/DIRECTOR FINANCE

BOARD MEMBERS

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

CLOSE HEARING

ADOPT BUDGET

4. PUBLIC HEARING – TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT FOR THE 2027 BUDGET ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW 3-c

ROLL CALL - COUNCILMAN CANCEL, COUNCILMAN GAMBOLI, COUNCILMAN KIRSCHKEL, COUNCILMAN ORTIZ AND SUPERVISOR PHILLIPS

PURPOSE OF PUBLIC HEARING

THIS HEARING IS BEING HELD TO CONSIDER ADOPTING A LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT FOR THE 2027 BUDGET ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW 3-c.

TOWN CLERK READ PROOF OF PUBLICATION

PRESENTATION BY WILLIAM STEIN, TOWN ATTORNEY

BOARD MEMBERS

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

CLOSE HEARING

ADOPT RESOLUTION

LOCAL LAW NO. 6 OF 2026

A LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT established in General Municipal Law 3-c.

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Haverstraw as follows:

Section 1. Legislative Intent

It is the intent of this local law to override the tax levy limit on the amount of real property taxes that may be levied by the Town of Haverstraw, County of Rockland pursuant to General Municipal Law § 3-c, and to allow the Town of Haverstraw, County of Rockland to adopt a Town budget for (a) Town purposes (b) fire protection districts and (c) any other special or improvement district governed by the Town Board for the fiscal year 2027 that requires a real property tax levy exceeding the "tax levy limit" as defined by General Municipal Law § 3-c.

Due to a number of factors, the Town is going to override the tax levy limit for the 2027 tax levy limit calculation. These factors include the following: The Town will see sizeable increases in Employee and Police retirement which contributing percentages are determined by New York State. The Town will receive a large increase in the health insurance premiums to be paid for all of its employees. Another substantial problem is the Taylor Law, mandating binding arbitration for Police Officers. The Town has seen an increase in salaries and retirement cost for Town Police Officers. Once again, this results in expenses to the Town that it cannot control and are forced upon it by the State of New York. For all of these reasons, most of which are State mandated costs, the Town has no alternative but to seek to override the tax levy limit due to some estimated numbers for the proposed 2027 levy that will exceed the allowable tax levy limit.

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 levy limit 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 Haverstraw, County of Rockland is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2027 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the limit specified 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 adjudged 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.