

PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 9 OF 2011
State of New York
County of Hamilton

A LOCAL LAW OVERRIDING THE TAX LEVY LIMIT FOR HAMILTON COUNTY FOR
2012 AND AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION BY HAMILTON COUNTY OF A BUDGET
FOR 2012 THAT REQUIRES A TAX LEVY THAT IS GREATER THAN THE TAX LEVY
LIMIT FOR THE 2012 FISCAL YEAR

BE IT ENACTED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Hamilton as follows:

- Section 1. **Title:** This Local Law shall be known as “Hamilton County Responsible Budgeting Law of 2011”.
- 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 2012 Hamilton 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 2012, 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 Hamilton County for 2012, it is clear that a responsible budget for 2012 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 Supervisors hereby overrides the tax levy limit for Hamilton County for 2012 and authorizes Hamilton County, after completing all required procedures for the adoption of a budget, to adopt a budget for 2012 that requires a tax levy that is greater than the tax levy limit calculated for 2012 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.