

THE PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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AGENDA BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN HISTORIC COURTHOUSE 40 GLENEIDA AVENUE CARMEL, NEW YORK 10512

**Members: Chairman Birmingham, Legislators Montgomery, Gouldman,
Addonizio, Russo, D'Angelo, Regan, Sayegh & Crowley**

Tuesday September 22, 2026
(To Immediately Follow the Physical Services & Special Full Mtgs.)

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Discussion – County Fiscal Year 2027 Real Property Tax Levy Pause**
- 4. Discussion – County Service Fee for Second Half of School Tax Payments
– Mayor Jim Schoenig, Brewster**
- 5. Approval – Local Law To Amend Article 3, Section 3.04-A(D) And Article 7,
Section 7.04(B)(8) Of The Putnam County Charter In Relation To The Vote
Required To Override Certain Budget Vetoes**
- 6. Adjournment**

Budget & Finance Mtg
9-22-2026
Item #3

**Item #3. Discussion/ County Fiscal Year 2027
Real Property Tax Levy Pause**

B.F. 9-22-26
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PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Resolution #144

Introduced by Legislator: Tony Hay on behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee at the Regular Meeting held on July 5, 2006.

Seconded by Legislator: Regina Morini.

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A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 220 SUBSECTION 4 OF THE CODE OF PUTNAM COUNTY ENTITLED "TAXATION – SERVICE CHARGE"

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the County of Putnam as follows:

Section 1. Section 220-4 of the Code of Putnam County is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 220-4. Service Charge

There shall be a service charge of four percent of the amount of taxes as levied which is estimated will reimburse the county for the expense incurred in the administration of the installment collection of taxes as prescribed by the article, including the cost for contracting any necessary indebtedness for advancing the money as provided in sections nine hundred seventy-six and thirteen hundred forty-two, respectively of the Real Property Tax Law. If in any year the estimated service charge shall not be sufficient to reimburse the county for administering the financing of the collection of taxes in installments as provided in this article, the amount of such deficiency shall be included in determining the estimated service charge for the collection of taxes for the succeeding year. The amount of such service charge shall be added to each installment of the taxes which an owner of real property may have elected to pay in installments pursuant to the provisions of this article, and such service charge shall be deemed part of such taxes. The amount of such charge

Vote:

State Of New York

ss:

County of Putnam

I hereby certify that the above is a true and exact copy of a resolution passed by the Putnam County Legislature while in session on July 5, 2006.

Dated: July 7, 2006

Signed: _____

M. Chris Marrone
Clerk Of The Legislature Of Putnam County

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and any interest which shall be added to any installment pursuant to the provisions of the article shall belong to the county.

Section 2. This local law shall take effect immediately.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: FIVE AYES. THREE NAYS – LEGISLATORS HAY, OLIVERIO & TAMAGNA. LEGISLATOR SEMO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Vote:
State Of New York
ss:

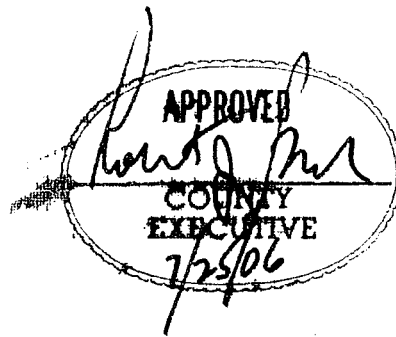
County of Putnam

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**APPROVAL / LOCAL LAW TO AMEND ARTICLE 3, SECTION 3.04-A(d) AND
ARTICLE 7, SECTION 7.04(B)(8) OF THE PUTNAM COUNTY CHARTER IN
RELATION TO THE VOTE REQUIRED TO OVERRIDE CERTAIN BUDGET VETOES**

WHEREAS, Article 7 of the Putnam County Charter establishes the procedures governing preparation, legislative revision, executive review and final adoption of the annual County budget; and

WHEREAS, Section 7.04(B)(5) of the Putnam County Charter authorizes the County Legislature, in acting upon the tentative budget, to strike or reduce items of appropriation; and

WHEREAS, Article 3, Section 3.04-A(d) of the Putnam County Charter presently provides generally for reconsideration of enactments vetoed by the County Executive and requires a favorable vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the whole number of the County Legislature to override such veto; and

WHEREAS, the County Legislature finds that, where the Legislature has affirmatively exercised its budgetary authority to strike or reduce an item of appropriation from the tentative budget, restoration of that item through the County Executive's veto should not require a supermajority of the Legislature to preserve the Legislature's original reduction; and

WHEREAS, the County Legislature therefore desires to amend the Charter so that a veto of a legislative action striking or reducing an item of appropriation pursuant to Section 7.04(B)(5) may be overridden by the affirmative vote of a majority of the whole number of the County Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the County Legislature determines that the proposed Charter amendment should be submitted to the qualified electors of Putnam County so that the electors may approve or disapprove the amendment; now therefore be it **RESOLVED**, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby approves and adopts the following Local Law to Amend the Putnam County Charter:

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the County of Putnam as follows:

Section 1.

Article 3, Section 3.04-A(d) of the Putnam County Charter is hereby amended to read as follows:

(d) Reconsideration. (i) A vetoed enactment shall be resubmitted to the County Legislature together with the veto message at its next regular or special meeting, and such message shall be entered into its Book of Proceedings. Within thirty (30) days after such receipt and entry, the County Legislature may consider the vetoed enactment and, except as noted in paragraph (ii) below, pass the same over the County Executive's objections by a favorable vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the whole of its number on a roll-call vote. Only one such reconsideration vote shall be taken on any single vetoed enactment.

Section 2.

Article 3, Section 3.04-A(d) of the Putnam County Charter is hereby amended by adding a subparagraph (ii) to read as follows:

(ii) In the case of a vetoed item of appropriation which has been stricken or reduced by the County Legislature from the tentative budget pursuant to § 7.04(B)(5) of the County Charter, the County Legislature may consider such vetoed enactment and pass the same over the County Executive's objections by a favorable vote of a majority of the whole of its number on a roll-call vote. Only one such reconsideration vote shall be taken on any single vetoed enactment.

Section 3.

Article 7, Section 7.04(B)(8) of the Putnam County Charter is hereby amended to read as follows:

8. Legislative reconsideration. Upon receipt of the veto message from the County Executive, the Chair of the Legislature shall convene the County Legislature on or before the fifteenth (15th) day of November for the purpose of reconsidering each vetoed item. Following such final action of the County Legislature, the tentative budget, as amended by the legislative revision and approved by the County Executive, and items of appropriation stricken or reduced from the tentative budget by the County Legislature, vetoed by the County Executive but overridden by the County Legislature by an affirmative vote of at least a majority of the whole number of its members, and other items vetoed by the County Executive but overridden by the County Legislature by an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the whole number of its members, shall become the final annual operating budget for the ensuing fiscal year.

Section 4.

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section or part of this Local Law shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered, and shall not affect or impair the validity of the remainder of this Local Law.

Section 5.

This Local Law amending the Putnam County Charter shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the County of Putnam for their approval or disapproval at the next general election at which submission may lawfully be made. This Local Law shall become operative only upon approval by the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors voting thereon and upon satisfaction of all other applicable requirements of law.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Putnam County Legislature is authorized and directed to take all actions necessary and appropriate to effectuate the submission of the Local Law to the qualified electors of Putnam County in accordance with applicable law, including preparation and transmittal of the proposition and abstract in consultation with the County Attorney as required by law; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature shall cause this Local Law, if and when finally approved and operative, to be filed and published as required by applicable law.

SUGGESTED BALLOT PROPOSITION

“Shall an amendment to the Putnam County Charter that allows the Legislature to lower the cost to taxpayers by striking or reducing an item of appropriation from the County Executive’s tentative budget pursuant to Charter § 7.04(B)(5) and allows the legislature to override the County Executive’s veto for such items by a simple majority vote of the whole number of its members, rather than by a two-thirds vote, be approved?”

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(B.F.F: 8-24-26)

B.F.F: 9-22-26 #5

THE PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE
LOCAL LAW No. _____ OF 2026

APPROVAL / LOCAL LAW TO AMEND ARTICLE 3, SECTION 3.04-A(d) AND
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RELATION TO THE VOTE REQUIRED TO OVERRIDE CERTAIN BUDGET VETOES

WHEREAS, Section 7.04 of the Putnam County Charter (the "Charter") establishes the procedures governing preparation, legislative revision, executive review and final adoption of the annual operating budget; and

WHEREAS, Section 7.04(B)(5) of the Charter authorizes the County Legislature, in acting upon the tentative budget, to strike or reduce items of appropriation; and

WHEREAS, Section 3.04-A(d) of the Charter presently provides generally for reconsideration of enactments vetoed by the County Executive and requires a favorable vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the whole number of the County Legislature to override such veto; and

WHEREAS, the County Legislature finds that, where the Legislature has exercised its budgetary authority to strike or reduce an item of appropriation from the tentative budget, restoration of that item through the County Executive's veto should not require a supermajority of the Legislature to preserve the Legislature's original reduction; and

WHEREAS, the County Legislature therefore desires to amend the Charter so that a veto of a legislative action striking or reducing an item of appropriation pursuant to Section 7.04(B)(5) may be overridden by the affirmative vote of a majority of the whole number of the County Legislature; and

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SUGGESTED BALLOT PROPOSITION

“Shall an amendment to the Putnam County Charter permitting the County Legislature to override a veto of a reduction in the tentative annual operating budget with a simple majority vote, rather than by a two-thirds vote, be approved?”