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June 21, 2024

Town of Watson
6971 Number Four Road
Lowville, New York 13367

RE: Town of Watson, Local Law 1 2024, filed on 6/18/2024

Dear Sir/Madam:

The above referenced material was filed by this office as indicated. Additional local law filing forms can be obtained from our website, www.dos.ny.gov.

Sincerely,
State Records and Law Bureau
(518) 473-2492



**Department
of State**

Local Law Filing

(Use this form to file a local law with the Secretary of State.)

Text of law should be given as amended. Do not include matter being eliminated and do not use italics or underlining to indicate new matter.

County City Town Village
(Select one.)

of Town of Watson

Local Law No. 1 (one) of the year 2024

A local law decreasing the number of seats on the Town of Watson's Board of Assessment Review
(Insert Title)
from five members to three members.

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the
(Name of Legislative Body)

County City Town Village
(Select one.)

of Watson as follows:

(If additional space is needed, attach pages the same size as this sheet, and number each.)

LOCAL LAW NUMBER ONE OF 2024 OF THE TOWN OF WATSON

BE IT ENACTED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF WATSON AS FOLLOWS:

1. **TITLE:** The title of this Local Law shall be "A Local Law decreasing the number of seats on the Town of Watson's Board of Assessment Review from five members to three members."
2. **LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS:** The Town of Watson presently has a five member Board of Assessment Review which was so established pursuant to the terms of Real Property Tax Law Section 523(1)(b). However, the Town of Watson presently has only three incumbent members on its Board of Assessment Review, and this has been the situation for several years. Those members have advised the Town Board of the Town of Watson that the Board of Assessment Review is able to operate efficiently and to adequately and fairly discharge its duties with three members. The Town Board notes that Real Property Tax Law Section 523(1)(b) permits the Town Board to reduce the number of seats on the Board of Assessment review to three members.
3. **TEXT:** Pursuant to the terms of Real Property Tax Law Section 523(1)(b) and Municipal Home Rule Law Section 10 (1)(a)(1), the number of seats on the Board of Assessment Review for the Town of Watson shall be decreased from five seats to three seats.
4. **EFFECTIVE DATE:** This Local Law shall take effect upon filing with the Secretary of State of the State of New York.

(Complete the certification in the paragraph that applies to the filing of this local law and strike out that which is not applicable.)

1. (Final adoption by local legislative body only.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. 1 (one) of 2024 of the ~~(County)(City)~~(Town)(Village) of Watson was duly passed by the Town Board on June 12 2024, in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.
(Name of Legislative Body)

2. (Passage by local legislative body with approval, no disapproval or repassage after disapproval by the Elective Chief Executive Officer*.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. _____ of 20____ of the (County)(City)(Town)(Village) of _____ was duly passed by the _____ on _____ 20____, and was (approved)(not approved) *(Name of Legislative Body)* (repassed after disapproval) by the _____ and was deemed duly adopted *(Elective Chief Executive Officer*)* on _____ 20 , in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.

3. (Final adoption by referendum.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. _____ of 20____ of the (County)(City)(Town)(Village) of _____ was duly passed by the _____ on _____ 20____, and was (approved)(not approved) *(Name of Legislative Body)* (repassed after disapproval) by the _____ on _____ 20____. *(Elective Chief Executive Officer*)*

Such local law was submitted to the people by reason of a (mandatory)(permissive) referendum, and received the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors voting thereon at the (general)(special)(annual) election held on _____ 20____, in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.

4. (Subject to permissive referendum and final adoption because no valid petition was filed requesting referendum.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. _____ of 20____ of the (County)(City)(Town)(Village) of _____ was duly passed by the _____ on _____ 20____, and was (approved)(not approved) *(Name of Legislative Body)* (repassed after disapproval) by the _____ on _____ 20____. Such local law was subject to permissive referendum and no valid petition requesting such referendum was filed as of _____ 20____, in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.

* Elective Chief Executive Officer means or includes the chief executive officer of a county elected on a county-wide basis or, if there be none, the chairperson of the county legislative body, the mayor of a city or village, or the supervisor of a town where such officer is vested with the power to approve or veto local laws or ordinances.

5. (City local law concerning Charter revision proposed by petition.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. _____ of 20____ of the City of _____ having been submitted to referendum pursuant to the provisions of section (36)(37) of the Municipal Home Rule Law, and having received the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors of such city voting hereon at the (special)(general) election held on _____ 20____, became operative.

6. (County local law concerning adoption of Charter.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. _____ of 20____ of the County of _____ State of New York, having been submitted to the electors at the General Election of November _____ 20____, pursuant to subdivisions 5 and 7 of section 33 of the Municipal Home Rule Law, and having received the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors of the cities of said county as a unit and a majority of the qualified electors of the towns of said county considered as a unit voting at said general election, became operative.

(If any other authorized form of final adoption has been followed, please provide an appropriate certification.)

I further certify that I have compared the preceding local law with the original on file in this office and that the same is a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of such original local law, and was finally adopted in the manner indicated in paragraph _____ above.

Michelle Ward

Clerk of the county legislative body, City, Town or Village Clerk or officer designated by local legislative body

Date: June 12, 2024

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