

### **Real Property Tax Committee**

Wednesday, October 30, 2024 4:30PM 40 McMaster Street, Ballston Spa, NY

**Chair:** Eric Connolly

Members: JD Arnold, Jesse Fish, Sandra Winney VC, Cynthia Young

### Agenda

- I. Welcome and Attendance
- II. Approval of the minutes of the July 2, 2024 meeting
- III. Auditors Reports Adjustments to Real Property Tax Assessments for Q2 and Q3 Julie Bosley, County Auditor
- IV. Approving the 2025 Tax Bill Flyer in accordance with Local Law No. 1 of 2012 establishing truth in taxation in Saratoga County Steve Bulger, County Administrator
- V. Other Business
- VI. Adjournment



# SARATOGA COUNTY AGENDA ITEM REQUEST

TO: Steve Bulger, County Administrator Ridge Harris, Deputy County Administrator George Conway, County Attorney Therese Connolly, Clerk of the Board Stephanie Hodgson, Director of Budget

CC: John Warmt, Director of Purchasing
Jason Kemper, Director of Planning and Economic Development
Bridget Rider, Deputy Clerk of the Board
Matt Rose, Management Analyst
Audra Hedden, County Administrator's Office
Samantha Kupferman, County Attorney's Office

**DEPARTMENT:** County Auditor

DATE: 07/12/2024

**COMMITTEE:** Real Property Tax

1. Is a Resolution Required:

No, Other

2. Proposed Resolution Title:

N/A

3. Specific Details on what the resolution will authorize: N/A

This column must be completed prior to submission of the request.

County Attorney's Office Consulted No

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	g.	Commencement date of contract term:	
	h.	Termination of contract date:	
	i.	Contract renewal date and term:	
	k.	Is this a renewal agreement: Y N	
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40 MC MASTER ST, BALLSTON SPA, NY 12020

TO:

Real Property Tax Committee

Supervisor Eric Connolly, Chairman

FROM:

Julie Bosley, Deputy Chief Auditor

DATE:

July 12, 2024

RE:

Q2 2024 Adjustments to Real Property Tax Assessments

Attached are the adjustments to the Real Property Tax assessments processed and approved by the Auditor's office during the second quarter of 2024. A summary of this quarter's approvals is provided below:

Saratoga County Real	Property Tax Adjustments,	Not to Exceed \$2,50	) – Q2 2024
	Corrections	Refunds	Total
April	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
May	\$0.00	\$730.03	\$0.00
June	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Q2 Total	\$0.00	\$730.03	\$730.03

Of the amounts stated above, there are 2 refunds totaling \$730.03. These refunds are attributable to clerical errors resulting in misapplied Sewer Charges.

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	June	Totals		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
		Quarter	Two Refunds Totals	\$1,102.05	\$427.05	\$730.03	



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**DEPARTMENT:** County Auditor

DATE: 10/24/2024

**COMMITTEE:** Real Property Tax

1. Is a Resolution Required:

No, Other

Proposed Resolution Title: N/A

3. Specific Details on what the resolution will authorize: N/A

This column must be completed prior to submission of the request.

County Attorney's Office Consulted Yes

4.	If yes, bu	dget lines and impa	ded: YES or ct must be provided.		County Administrator's Office Consulted Yes
	Plea	se see attachments f	For impacted budget lines than four lines are impa	S.	
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	Amount:				
5.		Budget Impact (Red	quired):		
	No Bu	idget Impact			
	a.	G/L line impacted			
	b. 1	Budget year impacte	ed		
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6.		rere Amendments to the Compensation Schedule?  Human Resources Consulted  N/A	
	a.	Is a new position being created? Y N	
		Effective date	
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	b.	Is a new employee being hired? Y N	
		Effective date of employment	
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		Appointed position:	
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	c.	Is this a reclassification? Y N	
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	c.	If a sole source, appropriate documentation, including an updated letter, has been submitted and approved by Purchasing Department? Y N/A	
	d.	Vendor information (including contact name):	
	e.	Is the vendor/contractor an LLC, PLLC, or partnership:	
	f.	State of vendor/contractor organization:	
	g.	Commencement date of contract term:	
	h.	Termination of contract date:	
	i.	Contract renewal date and term:	
	ı. k.	Is this a renewal agreement: Y N	
	1.	Vendor/Contractor comment/remarks:	

8.	Is a g	grant being accepted: YES or NO County Administrator's Office Consulted No
	a.	Source of grant funding:
	b.	Agency granting funds:
	c.	Amount of grant:
	d.	Purpose grant will be used for:
	e.	Equipment and/or services being purchased with the grant:
	f.	Time period grant covers:
	g.	Amount of county matching funds:
	h.	Administrative fee to County:
9.	Suppor	ting Documentation:
		Marked-up previous resolution
		No Markup, per consultation with County Attorney
		Information summary memo
		Copy of proposal or estimate
		Copy of grant award notification and information
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	third	arterly report of the corrections and refunds processed by the Auditors Office during the displayment of 2024. The Auditors Office is required to submit the quarterly report for ew by the RPT Committee. There were no adjustments during the third quarter.





40 MC MASTER ST, BALLSTON SPA, NY 12020

TO:

Real Property Tax Committee

Supervisor Eric Connolly, Chairman

FROM:

Julie Bosley, Deputy Chief Auditor

DATE:

October 21, 2024

RE:

Q3 2024 Adjustments to Real Property Tax Assessments

There were no adjustments to the Real Property Tax assessments during the third quarter of 2024. A summary of this quarter is provided below:

Saratoga County Real Property Tax Adjustments, Not to Exceed \$2,500 – Q3 2024			
	Corrections	Refunds	Total
July	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
August	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
September	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Q3 Total	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

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			redits to	Tax Roll		
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<u>Town</u>	SBL#	Name	Original Tax	Corrected Tax	Difference	Reason
July	Totals		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
	-		Aug	gust	<u> </u>	
Town	SBL#	<u>Name</u>	Original Tax	Corrected Tax	Difference	Reason
Augus	st Totals		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
			Septer	mber	<u> </u>	
Town	SBL#	<u>Name</u>	Original Tax	Corrected Tax	Difference	Reason
Septeml	ber Totals		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
	Third Qu	narter Credits Total	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
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<u>Town</u>	SBL#	<u>Name</u>	Original Tax	Corrected Tax	Refund	Reason
July	Totals		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
			Aug	ust	-	
Town	SBL#	<u>Name</u>	Original Tax	Corrected Tax	Refund	Reason
Augus	t Totals		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	<u> </u>
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Town	SBL#	<u>Name</u>	Original Tax	Corrected Tax	Refund	Reason
Septemb	per Totals		\$0,00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
		arter Refunds Total	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	100 mm



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**DEPARTMENT:** County Administrator

DATE: 10/22/2024

**COMMITTEE:** Real Property Tax

1. Is a Resolution Required:

Yes, Other

2. Proposed Resolution Title:

APPROVING THE 2025 TAX BILL FLIER IN ACCORDANCE WITH LOCAL LAW NO 1 OF 2012 ESTABLISHING TRUTH IN TAXATION IN SARATOGA COUNTY

3. Specific Details on what the resolution will authorize:

n accordance with Local Law No. 1 of 2012, the Board of Supervisors approves the 2025 Tax Bill Flier and the 2025 Tax Bill Flier shall be included as an enclosure with each 2025 Saratoga County property tax bill when mailed, and shall be posted on the County of Saratoga's website at www.saratogacountyny.gov by no later than January 1, 2025.

This column must be completed prior to submission of the request.

County Attorney's Office Consulted

4.	Is a Budget Amendment needed: YES or NO If yes, budget lines and impact must be provided.  Any budget amendments must have equal and offsetting entries.							
	Please see attachments for impacted budget lines. (Use ONLY when more than four lines are impacted.)							
	Revenue							
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	Expense							
	Account Number	Account Name	Amount					
	Fund Balance (if app	licable): (Increase = additional rev	venue, Decrease = additional expens	ses)				
	Amount:							
5.	Identify Budget In	Identify Budget Impact (Required):						
	No Budget Imp	pact						
	a. G/L line in	npacted						
	b. Budget yea	r impacted						
	c. Details							

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		Other	

### 10. Remarks:

Local Law #1 of 2012 (attached) states its intended to provide a legal mechanism to communicate with property owners, accurate information in regards to their County Tax bill and the County budget. This information should include local tax rates and the taxing jurisdictions. It may explain unfunded mandates to taxpayers. This form is printed out and mailed to taxpayers either in tax bills or in their receipts with bills are paid by escrow companies. We have attached a sample of this years form and we are in the process of updating it. We will have a final version for the Law and Finance committee meeting on November 13th.



### SARATOGA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

#### **RESOLUTION - 2024**

#### **Introduced by Real Property**

### APPROVING THE 2025 TAX BILL FLYER IN ACCORDANCE WITH LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2012 ESTABLISHING TRUTH IN TAXATION IN SARATOGA COUNTY

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Resolution 151-12 this Board adopted Local Law No. 1 of 2012 establishing Truth in Taxation in Saratoga County to provide a legal mechanism by which Saratoga County property owners would receive accurate County property tax bill information and County budget information on an annual basis; and

WHEREAS, Section 3 of Local Law No. 1 of 2012 directs the County Administrator and County Director of Real Property Tax Services to prepare a Tax Bill Flyer summarizing financial information regarding the portion of each annual County property tax bill resulting from State and Federal mandates, and to present said Tax Bill Flyer to the Board of Supervisors concurrently with the presentation of the tentative budget for the following year; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 3 of Local Law No. 1 of 2012 further requires this Board of Supervisors to annually approve the contents of said Tax Bill Flyer at the Board's regular meeting during the month of November, and to authorize by resolution the manner by which said Tax Bill Flyer will be disseminated to Saratoga County property owners and the public; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Administrator and County Director of Real Property Tax Services have submitted to this Board for approval the Tax Bill Flyer for 2025 attached hereto; and

**WHEREAS**, our Law and Finance Committee has recommended the approval of the attached 2025 Tax Bill Flyer; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, in accordance with Local Law No. 1 of 2012, this Board of Supervisors hereby approves the 2025 Tax Bill Flyer; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, that said 2025 Tax Bill Flyer shall be included as an enclosure with each 2025 Saratoga County property tax bill when mailed, and shall be posted on the County of Saratoga's website at <a href="www.saratogacountyny.gov">www.saratogacountyny.gov</a> by no later than January 1, 2025.

BUDGET IMPACT STATEMENT: No budget impact.

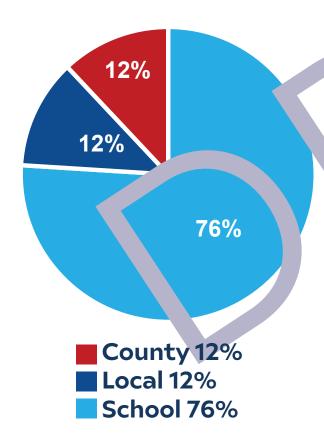


### **2025 SARATOGA COUNTY PROPERTY TAX REPORT**

Truth in Taxation: Transparency in the Property Tax Process

# PROPERTY TAX BREAKDOWN

The following chart represents where your tax dollars go, based on the average annual residential tax bill in Saratoga County.



# UNFUNDED MANDATES

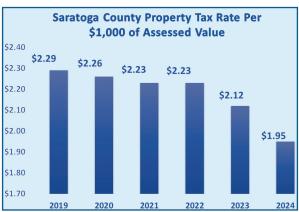
Unfunded mandates are New York State and federal laws, regulations, or rules that impose obligations on county government without including the funding or resources required for compliance. Unfunded mandates shift the financial burden to the local taxpayer.

In 2025, unfunded state and federal mandates will cost Saratoga County more than \$72 million- this is more than the county's share of the tax levy. Meaning, 100% of the County tax levy will pay for these unfunded mandates.

# This notice is provided to you in accordance with Saratoga County Local Law 1 of 2012.

The intent of this law is to ensure citizens receive accurate information about their County property tax bill and the County budget annually.

# PROPERTY TAX RATE PER \$1,000 OF ASSESSED VALUE



### CHART TO BE UPDATED FOR 2025

For the fourth consecutive year, the property tax rate will be reduced. This reduction maintains Saratoga County's standing as having the lowest property tax rate out of all 62 counties statewide.

For more information, visit the Real Property Tax Service Agency page at SaratogaCountyNY.gov.

## SARATOGA COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

### **COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS:**

County Sheriff Michael Zurlo

**County Clerk** Craig A. Hayner

**District Attorney** Karen Heggen

Acting County Treasurer JoAnn Kupferman

> **County Coroner** Susan Hayes-Masa

> County Coroner David DeCelle

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### 2025 SARATOGA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

**Town of Ballston** Supervisor Eric Connolly

**Town of Charlton** Supervisor Joseph Grasso

Town of Clifton Park Supervisor Phil Barrett

**Town of Clifton Park** Supervisor Angela Thompson

Town of Corinth Supervisor C. Eric Butler

**Town of Day**Supervisor Diana Edwards

**Town of Edinburg**Supervisor Robert D. Anderson

Town of Galway Supervisor JD Arnold

**Town of Greenfield** Supervisor Kevin Veitch

**Town of Hadley** Supervisor Arthur Wright

**Town of Halfmoon** Supervisor Kevin Tollisen

**Town of Malta**Supervisor Cynthia C. Young

**City of Mechanicville** Supervisor Thomas Richardson

**Town of Milton** Supervisor Scott Ostrander

**Town of Moreau** Supervisor Jesse A. Fish, Jr.

**Town of Northumberland** Supervisor Willard Peck

**Town of Providence** Supervisor Sandra Winney

**Town of Saratoga** Supervisor Ian Murray

**City of Saratoga Springs** Supervisor Michele Madigan

**City of Saratoga Springs** Supervisor Matthew Veitch

**Town of Stillwater** Supervisor Edward Kinowski

**Town of Waterford** Supervisor David F. Ball

**Town of Wilton** Supervisor John Lant

Saratoga County Board of Supervisors 40 McMaster Street Ballston Spa, NY 12020 518.885.2240

#### RESOLUTION 124 - 12

Introduced by Supervisors Sausville, Daly, Lewza, Raymond, Richardson, Rowland and Yepsen

INTRODUCING A PROPOSED LOCAL LAW IDENTIFIED AS INTRODUCTORY NO. 1, PRINT NO. 1 OF 2012, ENTITLED "A LOCAL LAW ESTABLISHING TRUTH IN TAXATION IN SARATOGA COUNTY" AND SETTING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING THEREON

WHEREAS, this Board of Supervisors desires to implement a legal mechanism by which Saratoga County property owners receive accurate County tax bill and County budget information delineating the true relationship between New York State mandates and County property taxes; and

WHEREAS, there exists a statewide movement to encourage counties to adopt "Truth in Taxation" local laws with the intention of creating a standard system to deliver property tax information to every taxpayer in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, in addition to educating taxpayers as to how State and Federal mandates affect their annual County property tax bills, such Truth in Taxation local laws also seek to promote communications between taxpayers and the state officials responsible for a substantial portion of their property tax bills; and

WHEREAS, our Legislative and Research Committee has recommended that the County of Saratoga enact Truth in Taxation legislation in Saratoga County similar to that adopted by other counties in the State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that a proposed Local Law, identified as Introductory No. 1, Print No. 1 of 2012, entitled "A LOCAL LAW ESTABLISHING TRUTH IN TAXATION IN SARATOGA COUNTY", is hereby introduced before this Saratoga County Board of Supervisors, and this Board of Supervisors shall hold a Public Hearing thereon on July 11, 2012 at 4:55 P.M. at the Meeting Room of the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors at 40 McMaster Street, Ballston Spa, New York, 12020, on the matter of the adoption of such proposed Local law, and the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors be and is hereby directed to give notice of such Public Hearing in the manner prescribed by law.

BUDGET IMPACT STATEMENT: No budget impact.

INTRODUCTORY NO. 1 OF 2012 PRINT NO. 1

INTRODUCED BY: Supervisors Sausville, Daly, Lewza, Raymond, Richardson, Rowland, and Yepsen

### COUNTY OF SARATOGA LOCAL LAW - 2012

### A LOCAL LAW ESTABLISHING TRUTH IN TAXATION IN SARATOGA COUNTY

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

### SECTION 1. <u>Legislative Intent and Purpose</u>.

- A. It is the intent of this law to provide a legal mechanism to ensure that citizens receive accurate County property tax bill information and County budget information on an annual basis.
- B. The provision of accurate County tax bill information should include information as to local tax rates and the taxing jurisdictions, as well as a summary of key financial impacts of State and Federal mandates included in the tax bill.

SECTION 2. Annual Property Tax Bill Data. The County Administrator and County Director of Real Property Tax Services are hereby directed to identify the portion of each annual property tax bill resulting from *State and Federal mandates, which may include, by way of example only, such mandates as* the NYS Medicaid Mandate, NYS Welfare Mandate, and NYS Mandates (other key or important mandates as determined by such officers) within *either* the taxing purpose section of each such bill *or at such other location on each such bill as the County Administrator and County Director of Real Property Tax Services shall deem appropriate*. The identification of such portion of the tax bill shall be done in a manner reasonably calculated to provide apportionment figures that are as accurate as possible.

SECTION 3. Tax Bill Flyer. The County Administrator and County Director of Real Property Tax Services are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all action necessary to cause a Tax Bill Flyer summarizing financial information regarding state and federal mandates to either: be included as an enclosure with each annual property tax bill; be posted on County's website; be distributed in sufficient quantity to local Town and City Tax Collectors who shall make said Flyers available for anyone wishing to pick-up a copy; be disseminated in any other manner authorized pursuant to resolution adopted by the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors; or be distributed by any combination of the foregoing.

The Tax Bill Flyer may include, but shall not be limited to, the following sections:

- a. Standard statement defining mandates included, which may include an explanation that some mandated amounts are approximate or qualified, and that all mandates may not be identified, if such be the case.
- b. Narrative summary of key financial impacts of State and Federal mandates.
- c. A chart illustrating mandated portions of the Saratoga County Budget.
- d. A list of all names, addresses and contact information of the Governor and federal and state legislators representing areas of the County of Saratoga.

Said Flyer shall be presented to the Board of Supervisors concurrently with the presentation of the tentative budget and shall be approved by the Board at a meeting of the Board during the month of November. Failure to approve the contents of said Flyer shall not affect the validity of the budget as approved or any assessments levied as a result of said budget. Failure to include such a flyer shall not act to invalidate any budget as duly adopted or affect any assessments levied as a result of said budget.

SECTION 4. <u>Procedure</u>. The procedures required by this local law shall be carried out in addition to, and in accordance with, other annual tax billing procedures existent within the County of Saratoga.

SECTION 5. <u>Effective Date</u>. This law shall take effect upon the filing thereof in the Office of the Secretary of State of the State of New York pursuant to Section 27 of Municipal Home Rule Law.

SECTION 6. <u>Incorporation Into County Code.</u> Upon its effective date as provided in Section 5 herein, this Local law shall become incorporated into the Code of Saratoga County and made a part thereof.