

Resolution – Request for Special Law for Hotel Occupancy Tax

WHEREAS, the unincorporated portion of the Town of Ossining consists primarily of residential properties and does not have many commercial properties to contribute to its tax base; and

WHEREAS, there is opportunity for certain properties within the unincorporated Town to be developed or repurposed to include a hotel use, including one property that was formerly owned by General Electric for a corporate conference center use and was recently sold to an entity that is considering implementing a hotel use utilizing the existing dormitories; and

WHEREAS, in order to implement a hotel occupancy tax in the Town a special law is required from the State, which legislation has previously been passed for several neighboring municipalities, including the City of Peekskill and the Towns of Greenburgh, Mount Pleasant and North Castle – as well as many of the Villages therein; and

WHEREAS, Assemblywoman Dana Levenberg has proposed Bill A10405 to allow the Town to adopt a local law to implement a hotel occupancy tax of 3%; and

WHEREAS, Senator Pete Harckham has proposed Bill S9773 to allow the Town to adopt a local law to implement a hotel occupancy tax of 3%; and

WHEREAS, the 3% cap on the proposed hotel occupancy tax is consistent with the special laws passed for the neighboring municipalities; and

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, for the reasons set forth above, the Town Board hereby expresses its full support of Bills A10405 and S9773 as drafted and requests that the State Legislature and Governor take prompt action in enacting a special law to this effect; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town Board hereby authorizes the Supervisor to send a letter to Assemblywoman Levenberg and Senator Harckham to this effect.