

LOCAL LAW NO. _____ OF 2026

**A LOCAL LAW AMENDING ARTICLE X, SECTION C10-1 OF THE CHARTER OF
THE CITY OF PORT JERVIS REGARDING MANDATORY REFERENDA ON BOND
RESOLUTIONS**

Be it enacted by the Common Council of the City of Port Jervis, County of Orange, State of New York, as follows:

Section 1. Statement of Intent

Local Finance Law § 34.00 authorizes a city to require that bond resolutions authorizing the issuance of bonds in specified amounts be subject to a mandatory referendum. The purpose of this Local Law is to amend § C10-1 of the Charter of the City of Port Jervis so that, subject to the existing exceptions set forth therein, only bond resolutions authorizing the issuance of bonds in an aggregate principal amount exceeding \$5,000,000 shall be subject to a mandatory referendum.

Section 2. Charter Section C10-1 Amended

Subsection A of § C10-1 of the Charter of the City of Port Jervis, entitled “Mandatory referendum on bond resolutions,” is hereby amended to read as follows with additions marked in **bold**:

A. Any bond resolution of the Common Council creating a city debt to be evidenced by the issuance of bonds **in an aggregate principal amount exceeding five million dollars (\$5,000,000)**, other than the bonds hereinafter expressly excepted, shall be adopted subject to a mandatory referendum for the express purpose of approval or disapproval of the bond resolution by a majority of the qualified voters voting thereon at a special election held not less than twenty (20) nor more than thirty (30) days after such bond resolution shall have been adopted by the Common Council.

Section 3. Remaining Provisions

Subsections B and C of § C10-1 of the Charter of the City of Port Jervis shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

Section 4. Separability

If any part or provision of this Local Law or the application thereof to any person or circumstance be adjudged invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall be confined in its operation to the part or provision or application 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 or the application thereof to other persons or circumstances, and the Common Council of the City of Port Jervis hereby declares that it would

have passed this Local Law or the remainder thereof had such invalid application or invalid provision been apparent.

Section 5. **Repeal**

All ordinances, local laws and parts thereof inconsistent with this Local Law are hereby repealed.

Section 6. **Effective Date**

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing in the office of the New York State Secretary of State in accordance with section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.