

TOWN OF PLATTSBURGH
TOWN BOARD SEMI-MONTHLY MEETING
February 20, 2025

Resolution No. 025-071

**Resolution in Support of Home Rule Request for
Room Occupancy Tax Authorization (S366/A3984)**

WHEREAS, the Town of Plattsburgh is committed to promoting fiscal responsibility, fostering economic growth, and maintaining a high quality of life for its residents; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Plattsburgh does not currently impose a property tax on property owners, yet seeks additional revenue sources to support necessary infrastructure projects and community development initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board seeks to introduce a modest 5% room occupancy tax on hotel, motel, and vacation rental stays within the town limits; and

WHEREAS, similar municipalities, including the Town and Village of Skaneateles, have successfully implemented room occupancy taxes, there is a precedent for local governments to introduce this revenue-generating mechanism; and

WHEREAS, the proposed room occupancy tax in the Town of Plattsburgh could generate an estimated \$1 Million annually, contributing directly to essential infrastructure improvements and economic development initiatives in the town center; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Plattsburgh's proposed tax, when combined with the existing 3% tax levied by Clinton County, remains competitive and below the rates charged by surrounding areas, ensuring the town remains attractive to visitors and tourists; and

WHEREAS, Town of Plattsburgh understand that robust infrastructure is required for the health and safety, sustainability and economic development of the municipality; and

WHEREAS, the additional revenue generated through the room occupancy tax will not only support infrastructure projects but will also help stimulate tourism, improve local amenities, increase housing supply, and promote long-term sustainable growth within the town as a mixed economy; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Town of Plattsburgh to retain local control and decision-making authority over the implementation and use of this tax revenue to meet the town's specific needs;

WHEREAS, Senator Daniel G. Stec has provided the Town of Plattsburgh with eight certified copies of a Home Rule request for state legislation, Senate Bill No. S366 and Assembly Bill No. A3984, which grants the Town of Plattsburgh the authority to implement a local room occupancy tax of 5%; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Plattsburgh does hereby affirm its full support for the passage of Senate Bill No. S366 and Assembly Bill No. A3984, which will enable the Town of Plattsburgh to implement this measure and begin accruing the necessary funds to advance its economic development and infrastructure goals, ensuring that the Town remains a vibrant community in the North Country known as a great place to live, work, play, stay, and invest; and

Motion:

Discussion:

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