

TOWN OF BRIGHTON
FRANKLIN COUNTY
NEW YORK

Local Law No. 2 for the Year 2009

“Increasing Board of Assessment Review Membership in the Town of Brighton, Franklin County, New York”

Be it enacted by the town Board of the Town of Brighton as follows:

SECTION I. TITLE

A local law titled “Increasing Board of Assessment Review Membership in the Town of Brighton, Franklin County, New York.”

SECTION II. PURPOSE

The Town of Brighton’s Board of Assessment Review is currently comprised of three members. In the past the Board of Assessment Review has had a difficult time getting a quorum for its meetings. This has made it difficult for the Town to meet its responsibility under the law to real property owners in the Town who wish to appeal their individual assessments. The Town Board believes that by increasing the board size to five members it can prevent this problem in the future.

SECTION III. AUTHORITY

New York Real Property Tax Law Section 523 provides that the Town of Brighton, as a taxing authority, may appoint up to five members to a Board of Assessment Review.

SECTION IV. FIVE MEMBER BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW

The Board of Assessment Review for the Town of Brighton shall be increased from three members to five members, and whose terms shall be five years. Two new members shall be appointed upon enactment of this Local Law. In the case of the two new members appointed under the provisions of this title, their initial terms shall be staggered so that no more than one member’s term will expire in each of the first five years after enactment of this Local Law. Thereafter each reappointment to be for a full five year term.

SECTION V. SEVERABILITY

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or word of this Local Law is for any reason held to be invalid by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this law.

SECTION VI. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Local Law shall be effective upon its filing with the New York State Secretary of State.

Filed: May 19, 2009