

Adopted 2019-2020 State Budget At A Glance



Here are some budget highlights particularly pertaining to towns and local government. AOT staff will release a more detailed analysis of the adopted state budget in the coming weeks. Stay tuned to www.nytowns.org, our social media and upcoming issues of Talk of the Towns & Topics for additional information.

AIM

Revenue Part PPP (S1509-C/ A2009-C) – Amends State Finance Law §54 (10) and Tax Law §1261 (c)

- Towns that relied on AIM base level grant funding for less than 2 percent of their 2017 expenditures will not receive AIM base level grant funding in 2019. Instead, the State Comptroller’s office will intercept county sales tax in an amount equal to what a town would have received in AIM base level grant funding and distribute it directly to the town by December 15.*
- Towns that used AIM base level grant funding money for 2 percent or more of their 2017 expenditures will continue to receive AIM base level grant funding. However, funding remains flat.

CHIPS

Appropriations Bill - Capital Projects (Department of Transportation) (S1504-D/ A2004-D)

- \$438.1 million for Consolidated Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS) (same as last year)
- \$39.7 million for the Marchiselli program (same as last year)
- \$100 million for the PAVE-NY program
- \$100 million for the BridgeNY program

Infrastructure

Appropriations Bill - Capital Projects (Department of Environmental Conservation) (S1504-D/ A2004-D)

- Provides an additional \$500 million for clean water infrastructure projects.

Internet Sales Tax

Revenue Article VII Bill Part G (S1509-C/ A2009-C)

- Imposes a sales tax on marketplace providers.
- In 2019-2020, \$112.5 million of the internet sales tax collected statewide will be diverted to central business district trust fund to fund MTA operations.
- In 2020-2021, \$150 million of the internet sales tax collected statewide will be diverted to fund MTA operations.
- From 2021-2022 onward, the amount diverted to the MTA will increase by 1 percent of the prior state fiscal year’s distribution.

Permanent Tax Cap

Revenue Article VII Bill Part NNN (S1509-C/ A2009-C)

- This legislation removed the sunset provision from the tax cap and renders the tax cap permanent. Towns may still override the tax cap by local law.

*Although the legislation refers to county sales tax as a whole, there have been reports that only internet sales tax revenues will be used to make up for lost AIM money.

Bag Waste Reduction Act

Transportation, Economic Development & Environmental Conservation Article VII Bill (S1508-C/A2008-C)

- Effective March 1, 2020, most plastic carryout bags provided to customers at the point of sale to hold items purchased will be banned statewide.
- The 5 cent fee will be divided 60/40 among the state and the city and county imposing the fee.

Voting Reforms in the Budget

- **Funding for Early Voting**
Appropriations Bill - Aid to Local Governments (State Board of Elections) (S1503-D/A2003-D)
 - The budget includes \$10 million to help counties implement early voting reforms.
- **Electronic Poll Books**
Public Protection and General Government Article VII bill (S1505-C/A2005-C Part XX)
 - Computer-Generated Registration Lists authorized
- **Paid Leave for Voting increased to Three Hours**
Public Protection and General Government Article VII bill (S1505-C/A2005-C Part YY)
- **Prohibition on Campaign Loans from Lobbyists, Labor Unions and Political Action Committees**
Public Protection and General Government Article VII bill (S1505-C/A2005-C Part AAA)
- **Primary Voting Hours**
Public Protection and General Government Article VII bill (S1505-C/A2005-C Part BBB).
 - New polling hours (six o'clock in the morning until nine o'clock in the evening) will be effective for all primary elections held after April 30, 2020.
- **Electronic Personal Voter Registration Process**
Public Protection and General Government Article VII bill (S1505-C/A2005-C Part BBB)
 - Authorizes voters to register online.

Items not included in the Adopted 2019-2020 State Budget

- Expanded Bottle Bill
- Recreational Cannabis
- Expansion of prevailing wage to IDA/LDC projects
- Extreme Winter Recovery (EWR) Funding