**LOCAL LAW NO. "E" FOR 2020**

**A LOCAL LAW OF THE COUNTY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK, IMPOSING AN ADDITIONAL ONE PERCENT RATE OF TAX ON SALES AND USES OF TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY AND OF CERTAIN SERVICES, AND ON OCCUPANCY OF HOTEL ROOMS AND AMUSEMENT CHARGES, PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 29 OF THE TAX LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK**

Introduced: 7/13/20
By Mr. A. Joyce:

BE IT ENACTED by the County Legislature of the County of Albany, as follows:

SECTION 1. The first sentence of Section 2 of Local Law No. 3 for 1967, entitled "A Local Law of the County of Albany in relation to the imposition of a County Sales and Use Tax", as amended, is amended to read as follows:

> "SECTION 2. Imposition of sales tax. On and after March 1, 1970, there is hereby imposed and there shall be paid a tax of three percent upon, and for the period commencing September 1, 1992, and ending November 30, 2023, there is hereby imposed and there shall be paid an additional tax at the rate of one percent upon:"

SECTION 2. Section 2-B of such Local Law No. 3 for 1967, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

> "SECTION 2-B. Exemption of certain energy sources and related services from additional one percent rate of tax.
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> Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of this Local Law, receipts from the sale of property and services described in Section 2-A of this Local Law and consideration given or contracted to be given for such property and services shall be exempt from the additional one percent rate of sales and compensating use taxes imposed by Sections 2 and 4, respectively, of this Local Law for the period commencing September 1, 1992, and ending November 30, 2023."

SECTION 3. Subdivision (g) of Section 3 of such Local Law No. 3 for 1967, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

> "(g) With respect to the additional tax of one percent imposed for the period commencing September 1, 1992, and ending November 30, 2023, the provisions of subdivisions (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) of this Section apply,

except that for the purposes of this subdivision, all references in said subdivisions (a), (b), (c) and (d) to an effective date shall be read as referring to September 1, 1992, all references in said subdivision (a) to the date four months prior to the effective date shall be read as referring to May 1, 1992, and the reference in subdivision (b) to the date immediately preceding the effective date shall be read as referring to August 31, 1992. Nothing herein shall be deemed to exempt from tax at the rate in effect prior to September 1, 1992, any transaction which may not be subject to the additional tax imposed effective on that date."

SECTION 4. Section 4 of such Local Law No. 3 for 1967, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

"SECTION 4. Imposition of compensating use tax.

(a) Except to the extent that property or services have already been or will be subject to the sales tax under this enactment, there is hereby imposed on every person a use tax for the use within this taxing jurisdiction on and after September 1, 1992, except as otherwise exempted under this enactment, (A) of any tangible personal property purchased at retail, (B) of any tangible personal property (other than computer software used by the author or other creator) manufactured, processed or assembled by the user, (i) if items of the same kind of tangible personal property are offered for sale by him in the regular course of business or (ii) if items are used as such or incorporated into a structure, building or real property, by a contractor, subcontractor or repairman in erecting structures or buildings, or building on, or otherwise adding to, altering, improving, maintaining, servicing or repairing real property, property or land, as the terms real property, property or land are defined in the real property tax law, if items of the same kind are not offered for sale as such by such contractors, subcontractor or repairman or other user in the regular course of business, (C) of any of the services described in paragraphs (1), (7) and (8) of subdivision (c) of Section Two, (D) of any tangible personal property, however acquired, where not acquired for purposes of resale, upon which any of the services described under paragraphs (2), (3) and (7) of subdivision (c) of Section Two have been performed, (E) of any telephone answering service described in subdivision (b) of Section Two and (F) of any computer software written or otherwise created by the user if the user offers software of a similar kind for sale as such or as a component part of other property in the regular course of business.

(b) For purposes of clause (A) of subdivision (a) of this Section, for the period commencing September 1, 1992, and ending November 30,

2023, the tax shall be at the rate of four percent, and on and after December 1, 2023, the tax shall be at the rate of three percent, of the consideration given or contracted to be given for such property, or for the use of such property, including any charges for shipping or delivery as described in paragraph three of subdivision (b) of Section One, but excluding any credit for tangible personal property accepted in part payment and intended for resale.

(c) For purposes of subclause (i) of clause (B) of subdivision (a) of this section, for the period commencing September 1, 1992, and ending November 30, 2023, the tax shall be at the rate of four percent, and on and after December 1, 2023, the tax shall be at the rate of three percent, of the price at which items of the same kind of tangible personal property are offered for sale by the user, and the mere storage, keeping, retention or withdrawal from storage of tangible personal property by the person who manufactured, processed or assembled such property shall not be deemed a taxable use by him.

(d) For purposes of subclause (ii) of clause (B) of subdivision (a) of this section, for the period commencing September 1, 1992, and ending November 30, 2023, the tax shall be at the rate of four percent, and on and after December 1, 2023, the tax shall be at the rate of three percent, of the consideration given or contracted to be given for the tangible personal property manufactured, processed or assembled into the tangible personal property the use of which is subject to tax, including any charges for shipping or delivery as described in paragraph three of subdivision (b) of Section One.

(e) Notwithstanding the foregoing provision of this section, for purposes of clause (B) of subdivision (a) of this section, there shall be no tax on any portion of such price which represents the value added by the user to tangible personal property which he fabricates and installs to the specifications of an addition or capital improvement to real property, property or land, as the terms real property, property or land are defined in the real property tax law, over and above the prevailing normal purchase price prior to such fabrication of such tangible personal property which a manufacturer, producer or assembler would charge an unrelated contractor who similarly fabricated and installed such tangible personal property to the specifications of an addition or capital improvement to such real property, property or land.

(f) For purposes of clauses (C), (D) and (E) of subdivision (a) of this section, for the period commencing September 1, 1992, and ending November 30, 2023, the tax shall be at the rate of four percent, and on

and after December 1, 2023, the tax shall be at the rate of three percent, of the consideration given or contracted to be given for the service, including the consideration for any tangible personal property transferred in conjunction with the performance of the service and also including any charges for shipping and delivery of the property so transferred and of the tangible personal property upon which the service was performed as such charges are described in paragraph three of subdivision (b) of Section One.

(g) For purposes of clause (F) of subdivision (a) of this Section, for the period commencing September 1, 1992, and ending November 30, 2023, the tax shall be at the rate of four percent, and on and after December 1, 2023, the tax shall be at the rate of three percent, of the consideration given or contracted to be given for the tangible personal property which constitutes the blank medium, such as disks or tapes, used in conjunction with the software, or for the use of such property, and the mere storage, keeping, retention or withdrawal from storage of computer software described in such clause (F) by its author or other creator shall not be deemed a taxable use by such person."

SECTION 5. Paragraph (B) of subdivision (1) of Section 11 of such Local Law No. 3 for 1967, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

(B) With respect to the additional tax of one percent imposed for the period beginning September 1, 1992, and ending November 30, 2023, in respect to the use of property used by the purchaser in this County prior to September 1, 1992."

SECTION 6. A new subdivision (q) of section 14 of such Local Law No. 3 for 1967, as amended, is added to read as follows:

"(q) Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of law, the County shall allocate and distribute quarterly to the cities and the area in the County outside the cities the same proportion of net collections attributable to the additional one percent rate of taxes imposed by sections two and four of this Local Law for the period commencing December 1, 2020 and ending November 30, 2023, as the County allocates and distributes the net collections from the County's three percent rate of such taxes, as of July 20, 2020, and such portion of net collections attributable to such additional one percent rate of such taxes shall be allocated and distributed to the towns and villages in the County in the same manner as the net collections attributable to the County's three percent rate of such taxes are allocated and distributed to such towns and villages as of July 20, 2020. In the event that any city

in the County exercises its prior right to impose tax pursuant to Section 1224 of the New York Tax Law, then the County shall not allocate and distribute net collections in accordance with the previous sentence for any period of time during which any such city tax is in effect, and the County shall instead set aside net collections attributable to such additional one percent rate of such taxes for County purposes for any such period that any such city tax is in effect.

SECTION 7. This enactment shall take effect December 1, 2020.

*Referred to Audit and Finance and Law Committees – 7/13/20*
*Favorable Recommendation Law Committee – 8/26/20*
*Favorable Recommendation Audit and Finance Committee – 8/27/20*
*On long roll call vote the following members voted in favor: Messrs. Beston, Bruschi, Burgdorf, Ms. Chapman, Messrs. Clay, Cleary, Commisso, Ms. Cunningham, Messrs. Domalewicz, Drake, Efekoro, Ethier, Feeney, Fein, Grimm, A. Joyce, R. Joyce, Kuhn, Langdon, Mss. Lekakis, Lockart, Mr. Mauriello, Mss. McLaughlin, McLean Lane, Messrs. Miller, O'Brien, Perlee, Peter, Ms. Plotsky, Messrs. Reidy, Reinhardt, Ricard, Simpson, Smith, Tunny, Ward, Mss. Whalen and Willingham – 38*
*Those opposed – 0*
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