

**BUDGET CAP
(CHARTER AMENDMENT)**

The purpose of this amendment is to limit the increases to the net budget by the COLA.

DEFINITIONS:

COLA: Cost of Living Allowance, determined by the Social Security Administration.
GROSS BUDGET: Total amount proposed to expend.
REVENUES: All forms of revenues, not including property/personal taxes.
NET BUDGET: Gross budget minus revenues.

SECTION 1.

The Bradley Town Council/School Board may not propose a net budget to the Town Meeting/Referendum that (except as provided for) exceeds the previous year's net budget by the most recent COLA as determined by the Social Security Administration.

SECTION 2.

The Bradley Town Council may not commit tax moneys for a net budget (reserving section 4) exceeding the previous year's net budget by the COLA.

SECTION 3.

Repeal of this section shall follow the procedures set forth in this charter.

SECTION 4.

The Town Council may exceed this budget cap by a 4/5 vote of the town Council. If the School Board wishes to exceed the budget cap, a written request must be delivered to the Town Clerk with a recommendation and a 4/5 vote at a duly called School Board Meeting. The recommendation must be before the final budget hearing as specified by this Charter.