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## READING TOWN MEETING INSTRUCTIONAL MOTION FORM

Please print legibly and print exactly as you would like to present the Instructional Motion. This will become part of the permanent record of this Town Meeting and must be submitted to the Town Clerk and Moderator before Town Meeting.

Instructional Motion Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Instruction to: Reading's **Town Manager, Town Accountant/CFO and Finance Committee**  
Board, Committee or Department

I, John J. Arena of Precinct ONE do hereby move that;

The Town Manager; the Town's Chief Financial Officer, The Superintendent of Schools and its Chief Financial Officer, and the Reading Town Finance Committee, working collectively and individually,

Develop & publish a prioritized list of FY 2026 and 2027 discretionary operating and capital/debt budget line items, including purposes & amounts, with the potential to be deferred, adjusted or eliminated.

This summary shall be provided to Town Meeting for use in its budget deliberations, as potential budget cuts to:

1. Reverse the recent trend of the town's increasing dependence on the use of Free Cash to balance its operating budgets, and

2. Delay and reduce the potential budget impact of a future Prop 2 1/2 Property Tax Override

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Town Clerk:

Seconded: \_\_\_\_\_ Vote: \_\_\_\_\_