



TOWN OF AMENIA
TOWN BOARD

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RESOLUTION No. 13 of 2022

RE: RESOLUTION GRANTING TOWN ASSESSOR AUTHORITY TO GRANT EXEMPTIONS ON THE 2022 TOWN ASSESSMENT ROLL

WHEREAS, on December 26, 2021, Governor Kathy Hochul issued Executive Order No. 11, declaring a state disaster emergency for the entire State of New York due to the COVID-19 Pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the State disaster emergency has resulted in limited hours in municipal offices in the Town of Amenia and rendered senior citizens and individuals with disabilities residing in the Town of Amenia homebound. These factors combined have made it difficult, if not impossible, for many in these populations to file their real property tax exemption applications in person and many, further, lack the ability to file such applications online; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the above problems caused by the pandemic, Governor Hochul issued Executive Order No. 11.1 on December 26, 2021, thereby extending Executive Order No. 11. This extension of the Governor's Executive Order modified subdivisions 7, 7-a, and 8 of section 459-c of the Real Property Tax Law and subdivisions 5,5-a, 5-b, 5-c, and 6 of section 467 of the Real Property Tax Law, the effect of which permits the Town Board of the Town of Amenia to adopt a Resolution directing the Assessor to grant exemptions on the 2022 assessment roll to all property owners who received such exemptions on the 2021 assessment roll (i.e., senior citizens and individuals with disabilities with limited income), thereby dispensing with the need for such persons to file renewal applications to request such exemptions, and further dispensing with the requirement that assessors mail renewal applications to such persons; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 11.1 further allows the Town Board of the Town of Amenia to include procedures by which its Town Assessor may require a renewal application to be filed if they have reason to believe that an owner who qualified for the exemption on the 2021 assessment roll may have since changed their primary residence, added another owner to the deed, transferred the property to a new owner or died; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to said Executive Order, the Town Board of the Town of Amenia wishes to adopt such Resolution directing the Town Assessor of the Town of Amenia to grant exemptions on the 2022 assessment roll to all eligible senior citizens and individuals with disabilities with limited income, and granting the Town Assessor of the Town of Amenia the authority to require renewal applications for due cause, as discusses above, utilizing procedures outlined below;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

1. The recitations set forth above are incorporated in this Resolution as if fully set forth and adopted herein.
2. Pursuant to the authority granted by Executive Order No. 11.1 issued by the Governor of the State of New York the Town Board of the Town of Amenia hereby directs the Town Assessor of the Town of Amenia to:
 - a. Grant exemptions on the 2022 assessment roll to all individuals who received the senior exemptions on the 2021 assessment roll and to all individuals who received the exemption on the 2021 assessment roll because they were recognized as a person with disabilities and limited income, thereby dispensing with the need for any such individuals to file renewal applications for such exemptions, except that;
 - b. The Town Assessor may, in their sole discretion, require a renewal application to be timely filed with their office if they have reason to believe that any such individual, who qualified for the aforementioned exemption on the 2021 assessment roll, may

have since changed their primary residence, added another owner to the deed for the relevant property, transferred such property to a new owner or died. If they Town Assessor requires such renewal application be filed, they shall notify the owner of the subject property of such requirement by regular mail, with such notice containing instructions on how to file the renewal application, Said renewal application may be returned by mail or by making an appointment to drop same off at the Town Assessor's office, 4988 Route 22, Amenia, NY 12501.

Motion made by Gutierrez

Seconded by Perotti

The foregoing resolution was voted upon with all councilwomen/councilmen voting as follows:

Supervisor Perotti	Aye
Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
Councilman Gutierrez	Aye
Councilman Blackman	Aye
Councilman Rebillard	Aye

Dated: Amenia, New York
January 6, 2022


DAWN MARIE KLINGNER, TOWN CLERK