

REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES and ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS
REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES AGENDA
NOVEMBER 24, 2020

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Supervisors Braymer, Dickinson, Hogan, Beaty, Merlino, Simpson and Strough

- I. Committee meeting called to order by Chair
- II. Approval of minutes of prior Committee Meeting
- III. Action Agenda/New Business Items:
 1. Request:
Rationale:
 2. Request:
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- IV. Discussion Items:
 1. Mullen property update.
 2. Does Warren County Real Property Tax Service Committee want to send a letter in support of an Executive Order to suspend the requirement to renew the senior citizens age and disability exemption for one year by local option.
- V. Referrals/Pending Items: None.
- VI. Privilege of the floor and public comment (please allow for 15 second delay on live stream meetings)
- VII. Motion to adjourn

Attachments: 1.

NYSAA is Calling on the Governor to Act NOW!

In an effort to protect the most vulnerable populations, persons 65 years of age and older and persons with disabilities, the New York State Assessors Association (NYSAA) is respectfully requesting the Governor take action.

NYSAA supports an **Executive Order to suspend the requirement to renew the senior citizens age and disability exemption for one year by local option.**

The Legislative Committee has sent notice to the Governor and to Commissioner Schmidt, NYS Tax & Finance. [Click here](#) for a copy of the letter.

We are running out of time. Assessors across the state have already sent or are getting ready to send out renewal applications. Assessors and Supervisors, call the Governor's office at 518-474-8390. Call your local representatives. We must express how important it is to keep our seniors and persons with disabilities safe through the COVID-19 pandemic.



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October 29, 2020

The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo
Governor of New York State
NYS State Capitol Building
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Cuomo,

Real Property Tax Law, Section 467, gives local governments and public school districts the option of granting a reduction in the amount of property taxes paid by qualifying senior citizens. To qualify, seniors must be 65 years of age or older and meet certain income limitations and other requirements. Local governments and school districts in New York State can also opt to grant a reduction on the amount of property taxes paid by qualifying persons with disabilities pursuant to Real Property Tax Law, Section 459(c). To qualify, persons with disabilities generally must have certain documented evidence of their disability and meet certain income limitations and other requirements.

Eligible property owners must timely file an annual renewal application in the assessor's office to continue the exemption. The time to file a renewal application is now. To protect the most vulnerable populations, persons 65 years of age and older and persons with disabilities, the New York State Assessors Association (NYSAA) is respectfully requesting the Governor take action. It is especially important to protect the people at increased risk of severe illness from Covid-19. The best way to protect this population is to limit their interactions with other people as much as possible.

Let's eliminate the need for these people to come to local municipal offices to renew their exemptions. NYSAA supports an Executive Order to suspend the requirement to renew the senior citizens age and disability exemptions for one year by local option.

NYSAA supports a coordinated approach to ensure public health and the safety of New York State's property owners. The Association will embark on a consistent approach to avoid confusion and inefficiencies so that senior citizens and persons with disabilities maximize their benefits all while staying safe.

Sincerely,

Warren J Wheeler, IAO, Executive Director
New York State Assessors Association

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