Public Hearing on local law #6-2022 Income Limitations for Senior Exemptions,

Colton Town Board, September 14, 2022

**County of St. Lawrence, State of New York, 94 Main St., Colton 13625**

Present: Ronal Robert, Supervisor Councilpersons: Lisa Fisher

Jennifer Cole, Town Clerk Jacob Poste

Darren Richards, DPW Supt. Kevin Beary

Others present: Shelley Rayner, Nancy Robert, Judy Fuhr, Ed Fuhr, Diane Wilson, Jon Richardson, Mike Hayes, Anne Townsend, Lorraine Gowing, Cindy Dusharm, Patti Larock, Ron Gilmore, Steve Knight, Sandra Ucchi, David Crosby, Joe Bean, Mary Bean, Jeremy Bronson, Mary Rutley, Kirke Perry, Deborah Regan

Others present via Zoom: Dennis Eickhoff, Mary Jane Watson, Cyndy Hennessy, Randi-Lee Planty, Peggy Shea

Supervisor Robert opened the Public Hearing with the Pledge of Allegiance at 5:50pm as scheduled.

This Public Hearing is for resolution #6-2022 to local law #10-14 Income Limitations for Senior Exemptions. This local law came into effect in 2014 with the highest annual income base set at $16,800.00 – 16,999.99 with a 20% tax exemption.

Hearing from several local seniors there are concerns that the annual income base should be increased due to rising costs of goods and services. Requesting the highest annual income base be changed to $17,000.00 – $22,699.99.

**COURTESY OF THE FLOOR**

Nothing at this time.

Motion # 1

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Ms. Fisher, seconded by Mr. Poste to adjourn.

Ayes 4

Noes 0

Motion carried, 5:59 p.m.

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Jennifer Cole, Town Clerk

INCOME LIMITATIONS FOR SENIOR EXEMPTIONS

Resolution # 6 - 2022

**WHEREAS, t**he Town of Colton shall grant partial exemption to property, from general municipal taxes, that (1) is owned by persons 65 years of age or older, or by certain other persons described under RPTL§467, whose income does not exceed the maximum established by local option, (2) is used exclusively for residential purposes, and (3) has been owned by at least one of its owners for a minimum of 12 consecutive months prior to application for exemption or for a period of time considered to be the equivalent of 12 consecutive months. No exemption is allowed from special ad valorem levies or special assessments.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that pursuant to Real Property Tax Law§467 and Town of Colton Resolution which was originally adopted on April 11,1973 , does set forth new income limitations for the Senior Citizen Exemption.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the base income be set at $17,000 for an exempt amount of 50% and a maximum income of $22,699.99 for an exempt amount of 20%. Municipal resolution shall follow eligibility requirements of the RPTL§467. See exemption limits with sliding scale below.

Senior Citizen Exemption Schedule

Annual Income Exempt Amount

0 ----------------------> 17,000.00 50%

17,000.01 -------------------> 17,999.99 45%

18,000.00 -------------------> 18,999.99 40%

19,000.00 -------------------> 19,999.99 35%

20,000.00 -------------------> 20,899.99 30%

20,900.00 -------------------> 21,799.99 25%

21,800.00 -------------------> 22,699.99 20%

Dated: September 14th, 2022