Public Hearing on local law 10-14 Income Limitations for Senior Exemptions,

Colton Town Board, December 15, 2021

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

Present: George R. Cayey, Supervisor Councilpersons: Grace Hawley

 Donna Buckley, Town Clerk Lisa Fisher

 Darren Richards, DPW Supt. Ronald Robert

 Jennifer Cole, Deputy Town Clerk Kevin Hawley, Highway Supt.

Others present: Penny Cayey, Shelley Rayner, Jake Poste

Others present via Zoom: Dennis Eickhoff, Mary Jane Watson, Cyndy Hennessy, Louise Bixby

Supervisor Cayey opened the Public Hearing for a resolution to local law #10-14 Income Limitations for Senior Exemptions for the Town of Colton at 5:55 p.m. as scheduled. 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 $16,800.00 – $22,499.99.

**COURTESY OF THE FLOOR**

Nothing at this time.

Motion # 1

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Mrs. Fisher, seconded by Mrs. Hawley to adjourn.

Ayes 4 Fisher, Hawley, Robert, Cayey

Noes 0

Motion carried, 5:59 p.m.

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 Jennifer Cole, Dpty Town Clerk

INCOME LIMITATIONS FOR SENIOR EXEMPTIONS

Resolution # 5 - 2021

**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 $12,000 for an exempt amount of 50% and a maximum income of $22,499.99 for an exempt amount of 20%. Municipal resolution shall follow eligibility requirements of the RPTL§467. See exemption limits with sliding scale below.

**BE IT RESOLVED** an owner receiving this exemption is automatically qualified to receive the STAR exemption provided by RPTL §425.

Senior Citizen Exemption Schedule

 Annual Income Exempt Amount

 0 -------------------> 12,000 50%

 12,001 -------------------> 12,999 45%

 13,000 -------------------> 13,999 40%

 14,000 -------------------> 14,999 35%

 15,000 -------------------> 15,899 30%

 15,900 -------------------> 16,799 25%

 16,800 -------------------> 22,499.99 20%

Dated: December 15th, 2021