



## Steuben County Real Property Tax Service Agency

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### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING RENEWAL OF SENIOR CITIZEN AND DISABILITY EXEMPTIONS IN 2021**

New York State legislation was recently passed allowing senior citizens or disabled property owners with limited incomes currently receiving exemptions on their property taxes to have their exemptions renewed without the submission of a renewal application. Per this legislation, every governing body of an assessing unit and local assessor shall extend to the to 2021 assessment roll, the renewal of exemptions received on the 2020 roll pursuant to sections 467 (related to property owners age 65 or older) and 459-c (related to certain persons with disabilities and limited income) of the real property tax law.

This means that for those property owners that were already receiving either the senior citizen exemption or the disability exemption on the 2020 assessment roll are not required to submit a renewal application to their assessor in order to continue to receive the exemption on the 2021 assessment roll. Some property owners may have already received a renewal application from your local assessor but you are **not** required to file the renewal application for 2021; you will receive the same exemption benefit that you were granted for 2020. For property owners in the City of Hornell, the deadline to file exemption renewal applications has passed and the assessor is reviewing and ensuring the applicable exemptions are being renewed as required.

If your income has changed in a manner that you feel may entitle you to a greater exemption than was on the 2020 assessment roll, you may request a renewal application through postal mail or electronic means from your assessor. You would then file the completed application with the local assessor by postal mail as appearance in person is not required and is greatly discouraged.

Questions concerning this can be directed to your local assessor. Following is a link to the list of assessors:

<https://www.steubencony.org/Files/Documents/rpt/2020%20Assessor%20List%20TOWN%20&%20CITY.pdf>

You may also contact the Steuben County Real Property Tax Service Agency at 607-664-2373