

FEBRUARY 21, 2006

Mayor Richard Tracy held a public hearing on Tuesday, February 21, 2006 at 3:00 PM at City Hall on Proposed Local Laws Introductory Nos.1 and 2 of 2006.

In attendance: City Assessor Kim Singletary and Alderman Quintin Cross.

The Mayor stated that the following notice of the hearing was duly published in the city's official newspaper on February 13 & 14, 2006.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Mayor of the City of Hudson, New York, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, February 21, 2006 at 3:00 PM in the Common Council Chambers, City Hall, 520 Warren Street, Hudson, on the following proposed Local Laws which were adopted by the Common Council on February 9, 2006:

PROPOSED LOCAL LAW INTRODUCTORY NO. 1, 2006

A Local Law to raise the Senior Citizen Income Limit with regard to property tax exemptions.

PROPOSED LOCAL LAW INTRODUCTORY NO. 2, 2006

A Local Law creating a partial property tax exemption for persons with disabilities and limited income.

Complete texts of the above proposed laws are on file and may be examined at the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, during regular office hours.

Bonita J. Colwell
City Clerk

Mayor Tracy opened the floor for comments.

Steve Molnar, of Greenport, stated his mother owned a home in Hudson. He stated that the assessment on her home increased \$106,000 in one year. He stated she had a limited income of \$8,000 per year and questioned if other exemptions were available.

Leo Carlin, of Hudson, stated he was over 65 year of age and that he had the STAR exemption on his property but was not eligible for the enhanced STAR. He stated his property taxes had doubled which had an impact on his standard of living. He said that there was a tax problem in Hudson that needed adjustment because people were receiving large increases in taxes each year.

Mayor Tracy advised both Mr. Molnar and Mr. Carlin that the public hearing was being held on the two proposed local laws. He requested that Mr. Molnar meet again with the City Assessor to insure that his mother's property was receiving all eligible exemptions. He also stated that the City would address aggressively the issue of taxes and assessments in the City.

The Mayor declared the hearing closed at 3:10 PM

Clerk

The proposed laws follow:

Proposed Local Law Introductory No. 1 of 2006

A LOCAL LAW TO RAISE THE SENIOR CITIZEN EXEMPTION
BE IT ENACTED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
HUDSON AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 275-16 "Income Limit" of the Hudson City Code is hereby amended as follows:

"No exemption shall be granted if the income of the owner or the combined income of the owners of the property for the income tax year

immediately preceding the date of making application for exemption exceeds the sum of \$32,399.99, as set forth in Section 467, Subdivision 3(a), of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York.”

<u>Exemption</u>	<u>Gross Income:</u>
50%	\$0- \$23,998.99
45%	\$23,999 - \$24,998.99
40%	\$24,999 - \$25,998.99
35%	\$25,999 - \$26,998.99
30%	\$26,999 - \$27,898.99
25%	\$27,899 - \$28,798.99
20%	\$28,799 - \$29,698.99
15%	\$29,699 - \$30,598.99
10%	\$30,599 - \$31,498.99
5%	\$31,499 - \$32,399.99

Section 2: All Local Law or parts of Local Laws inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 3: If any clause sentence, paragraph, section or part of this Local Law shall be adjudged by any Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined to its operation in said clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part of this Local Law.

Section 4: This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon passage and filing with the Secretary of State.

Proposed Local Law Introductory No. 2, 2006

A LOCAL LAW CREATING A PARTIAL TAX EXEMPTION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AND LIMITED INCOME

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUDSON AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Article IV, Section 275-18 of the Hudson City Code, is hereby enacted as follows:

Pursuant to Real Property Tax Law Section 459-c, the City of Hudson does hereby grant a tax exemption to the extent of 50 percent of the assessed value of the owner occupied residential property within its corporate limits for persons with disabilities and limited incomes meeting the qualifications of Real Property Tax Law Section 459-c, with income limits as set forth in Section 275-16 of the Hudson City Code.

Section 2: If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part pf this Local Law shall be adjudged by any Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined to its operation in said clause, sentence , paragraph, section or part of this Local law.

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Section 4: This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon passage and filing with the Secretary of State.