



## **IMPORTANT – EXEMPTION FILING DEADLINE & NEW PROCESS FOR TOWN OF AMHERST RESIDENTS.**

**Taxable status is March 1st, 2021 effective with the filing of the 2021 assessment Roll.**

- Therefore, taxpayers **RENEWING** for any REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION, for example , **LOW INCOME SENIOR**(over age 65, total income below \$35,400) ,**DISABILITY, NOT FOR PROFIT OR OTHERS**; must renew his or her exemption on or before **March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021**
- Renewals are being mailed to all eligible taxpayers in **October for Low Income and for Disability**. They will also be sent in **November to Not for Profits**

**SEE OUR WEBSITE [WWW.AMHERST.NY.US](http://WWW.AMHERST.NY.US) FOR INSTRUCTIONS ON WHAT YOU NEED TO BRING-PLUS IT IS ON THE RENEWAL APPLICATION BEING SENT**

### **ANNOUNCING THE SAFE STEPS WHEN YOU RENEW YOUR LOW INCOME / DISABILITY / NOT FOR PROFIT EXEMPTIONS IN 2020-2021**

- **3 OPTIONS FOR TOUCHLESS RENEWAL**
  1. PLACE **ALL** YOUR INFORMATION AND APPLICATION IN AN ENVELOPE ALONG WITH A SELF ADDRESSED **STAMPED** ENVELOPE (WE WILL MAIL YOU BACK ANY ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS YOU SEND TO US)  
**MAIL TO: TOWN OF AMHERST ASSESSOR'S OFFICE**  
**5583 MAIN ST.**  
**AMHERST, NY 14221 (716)631-7038**
  2. SCAN AND EMAIL ALL OF YOUR INFORMATION TO: we will respond with confirmation email. For low income senior send to [lowincomerenewal@amherst.ny.us](mailto:lowincomerenewal@amherst.ny.us)  
For disability send to [DisabilityRenewals@amherst.ny.us](mailto:DisabilityRenewals@amherst.ny.us)
  3. DROP THE COMPLETED APPLICATION OFF AT TOWN HALL IN THE DROP BOX AT BACK ENTRANCE TO BUILDING
- **NEW OWNERS OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY FILING for BASIC STAR or ENHANCED STAR** You no longer file with the local Assessor but file directly with New York State. Call (518)457-2036 or go to [www.tax.ny.gov](http://www.tax.ny.gov)
- Taxpayers filing **NEW** for **DISABILITY /LOW INCOME SENIOR/VETERANS EXEMPTIONS, BUSINESS INVESTMENT EXEMPTION (485-b), CLERGY, NOT FOR PROFIT, OR OTHERS**; must file his or her exemption on or before **March 1st, 2021**

### **FOLLOW THE SAFE STEPS ABOVE-CALL ASSESSORS OFFICE FOR INFORMATION**

- If you are turning 65 in 2020 or 2021 AND currently have Basic STAR, and owned your home prior to 2015 ( the Basic STAR is a reduction on your School tax Bill not a check), you may be eligible for Enhanced STAR ..

**FOLLOW THE SAFE STEPS ABOVE .Call the Assessor's office or use the dedicated email for new Enhanced Star. It is: [enhancedstarnew@amherst.ny.us](mailto:enhancedstarnew@amherst.ny.us)**

- If you already have a **VETERANS** Exemption, that **DOES NOT** have to be renewed unless you have a Veterans Disability and your disability rating changes.

