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Dear Property Owner:

The last week of December 2020 the NYS Legislature adopted legislation and the Town of Amherst approved it to waive the requirement of **Senior Citizens with Limited Incomes or Disabled Citizens with Limited Incomes** to have to renew their application with our office for the 2021/22 tax year.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN TO YOU?

FOR THOSE THAT ALREADY FILED YOUR RENEWAL WITH OUR OFFICE:

1. **NOTHING NEW TO DO!** We will review the most recent income you submitted and last year's income. We will use whichever is the lowest so you will receive the most beneficial exemptions. That includes people whose income just filed was over the income limit. We are allowed to use last year's income so you will still receive the exemption.

FOR THOSE THAT HAVE NOT FILED YOUR RENEWAL WITH OUR OFFICE:

1. **YOU NEED NOT DO ANYTHING.** We have the income you submitted last year on file. This Executive Order enables us to continue your exemption on next year's assessment roll by using last year's application. **There is no need to risk in-person visits to our office during the COVID pandemic.** You can remain safely in your home while still enjoying the tax benefits you received this past year.
2. **HOWEVER, IF YOU HAVE NOT RENEWED WITH US ALREADY and your 2019 income is less than your 2018 income,** you may wish to call our office (**do not come in person**) to make arrangements to submit the 2019 income. We have a safe touchless process (drop box, email or US Mail) you can use to minimize any contact. The deadline for submitting 2019 income is **March 1, 2021.**

Our office staff will be pleased to assist you with any questions. Office hours are 8:00 am -4:30 p.m. For further information, call our office (716)631-7038