



County of Albany

112 State Street
Albany, NY 12207

Legislation Text

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REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Description (e.g., Contract Authorization for Information Services):

Authorization for Refund of Real Property Taxes - Town of Rensselaerville

Date: 07/29/2020
Submitted By: Maggie A. Alix
Department: Real Property Tax Service Agency
Title: Director
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Department Rep.
Attending Meeting: Maggie A. Alix

Purpose of Request:

- ☐ Adopting of Local Law
- ☐ Amendment of Prior Legislation
- ☐ Approval/Adoption of Plan/Procedure
- ☐ Bond Approval
- ☐ Budget Amendment
- ☐ Contract Authorization
- ☐ Countywide Services
- ☐ Environmental Impact/SEQR
- ☐ Home Rule Request
- ☐ Property Conveyance
- ☒ Other: (state if not listed)

Authorization to refund property taxes on multiple parcels in the Town of Rensselaerville

CONCERNING BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Increase/decrease category (choose all that apply):

- ☐ Contractual
- ☐ Equipment
- ☐ Fringe
- ☐ Personnel

- ☐ Personnel Non-Individual
☐ Revenue

Increase Account/Line No.: Click or tap here to enter text.
Source of Funds: Click or tap here to enter text.
Title Change: Click or tap here to enter text.

CONCERNING CONTRACT AUTHORIZATIONS

Type of Contract:

- ☐ Change Order/Contract Amendment
☐ Purchase (Equipment/Supplies)
☐ Lease (Equipment/Supplies)
☐ Requirements
☐ Professional Services
☐ Education/Training
☐ Grant

Choose an item.

Submission Date Deadline Click or tap to enter a date.

- ☐ Settlement of a Claim
☐ Release of Liability
☐ Other: (state if not listed) Click or tap here to enter text.

Contract Terms/Conditions:

Party (Name/address):
Click or tap here to enter text.

Additional Parties (Names/addresses):
Click or tap here to enter text.

Amount/Raise Schedule/Fee: Click or tap here to enter text.
Scope of Services: Click or tap here to enter text.

Bond Res. No.: Click or tap here to enter text.
Date of Adoption: Click or tap here to enter text.

CONCERNING ALL REQUESTS

Mandated Program/Service: Yes ☐ No ☒
If Mandated Cite Authority: Click or tap here to enter text.

Is there a Fiscal Impact: Yes ☒ No ☐
Anticipated in Current Budget: Yes ☐ No ☒

County Budget Accounts:

Revenue Account and Line: Click or tap here to enter text.

Revenue Amount: Click or tap here to enter text.

Appropriation Account and Line: Click or tap here to enter text.

Appropriation Amount: Click or tap here to enter text.

Source of Funding - (Percentages)

Federal: Click or tap here to enter text.

State: Click or tap here to enter text.

County: Click or tap here to enter text.

Local: Click or tap here to enter text.

Term

Term: (Start and end date) Click or tap here to enter text.

Length of Contract: Click or tap here to enter text.

Impact on Pending Litigation

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, explain: Click or tap here to enter text.

Previous requests for Identical or Similar Action:

Resolution/Law Number: Click or tap here to enter text.

Date of Adoption: Click or tap here to enter text.

Justification: (state briefly why legislative action is requested)

Peter Hotaling, Assessor for the Town of Rensselaerville, submitted multiple Applications for Refund of Real Property Taxes.

In preparing the 2020 assessment roll, Mr. Hotaling discovered errors in the computation of several veterans' exemptions; specifically the disability and Cold War veterans. An eligible veteran is entitled to an exemption based on 50% of their disability rating. The assessor is to enter the disability rating is into the assessment database, RPSV4. The database will do a systematic calculation. However, Mr. Hotaling's predecessors were entering the disability exemptions at 50%, which caused the database to take 50% off the reduced rating. The property owner's had not received their full benefit.

The Cold War veteran exemption values were not current in the town's RPSV4 system; therefore, the exemption was miscalculated. The property owner did not receive the full benefit.

The correction goes back three years (2020, 2019, and 2018) for each parcel. All the tax bills are paid; therefore, I recommend refunds according to the enclosed spreadsheet.