THE CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE
NEW YORK

PUBLIC HEARING

Monday, March 15, 2021 6:00 p.m. City Hall

The Public Hearing was conducted using videoconferencing, as permitted by the NYS Open Meetings Law.

Welcome to the scheduled meeting of the Public Hearing in the City of Poughkeepsie. The date is March 15, 2021 and the time is 5:30 pm.

Effective immediately and based upon notices and health advisories issued by Federal, State, and Local officials related to the Coronavirus, the City of Poughkeepsie Common Council will not hold in-person meetings. Until further notice, all future City Council meetings (including public hearings) will be held via videoconferencing, as permitted by the NYS Open Meetings Law.

Due to public health and safety concerns, the public will not be permitted to attend at the remote locations where the City Council members will be situated. The public, however, will be able to fully observe the video conference meeting by using the registration link that was posted with our meeting notice and the meeting will be available for viewing at a later date and available on our website.

THIS HEARING IS FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO LOCAL LAW §14.35:

> *Editor's Note: This local law provided that it shall apply o assessment rolls prepared on the basis of taxable status dates occurring on or after 1-1-2006.*

Section 14.35 **Taxes — partial exemption granted; conditions.**
[L.L. No. 1-1996, § 1; L.L. No. 1-2001, § 2, L.L. No. 3-2006, § 1]

Real property owned by persons sixty-five (65) years of age or over shall be exempt from city taxes up to the maximum amount of fifty (50) per centum of the assessed valuation subject to the following conditions and pursuant to Subsection (f) hereof:

(a) The owner or all of the owners must file an application annually in the assessor's office on or before the appropriate taxable status date or such other time as may be hereafter fixed by law. At least sixty (60) days prior to the appropriate taxable status date, the assessing authority shall mail to each person who was granted an exemption pursuant to this section on the latest completed assessment roll an application form and a notice that such application must be filed on or before taxable status date and be approved in order for the exemption to be granted. Failure to mail any such application form and notice or the failure of such person to receive the same shall not prevent the levy, collection and enforcement of the payment of the taxes on property owned by such person.

(b) In the event the owner, or all of the owners, of property which has received an exemption pursuant to this section on the preceding assessment roll fail to file the application required pursuant to this section on or before the taxable status date, such owner or owners may file the application, executed as if such application had been filed on or before the taxable status date, with the Assessor on or before the date for the hearing of complaints. The Assessor shall approve or deny such application as if it had been filed on or before the taxable status date.

(c) The income of the owner or the combined income of the owners of the property must not exceed twenty **nine** ~~seven~~ thousand dollars ($2**9**~~7~~,000) for the income tax year immediately preceding the date of making application for exemption. Where the title is vested in either the husband or wife, their combined income must not exceed the sum of twenty **nine** ~~seven~~ thousand dollars ($2**9**~~7~~,000.).

(d) Title to the property must be vested in the owner or, if more than one (1), in all the owners for at least twenty-four (24) consecutive months prior to the date of making application for exemption.

(e) The property must be used exclusively for residential purposes, be occupied in whole or in part by the owners, and constitute the legal residence of the owners.

(f) The amount of the partial exemption shall be computed as follows:

Annual Income	**Percentage of Assessed Valuation Exempt From Taxation**
$20,600 or less	50
More than $20,600 but less than $21,600	45
$21,600 or more but less than $22,600	40
$22,600 or more but less than $23,600	35
$23,600 or more but less than $24,500	30
$24,500 or more but less than $25,400	25
$25,400 or more but less than $26,300	20
$**26,300 or more but less than $27,200**	15

Annual Income	**Percentage of Assessed Valuation Exempt From Taxation**
$27,200 or more but less than $28,100	10
$28,100 or more but less than $29,000	**5**

(g) **Unreimbursed medical expenses shall be subtracted from the senior's income calculation when.**

Councilmember-At-Large Salem called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Five (5) minutes per person public comment.

1. **Peter Van Eken** – **94 Wilbur Blvd** I encourage you to support and vote for this. I'm a property owner in the City of Poughkeepsie. I have an adjusted gross income of my federal income tax of less than $28,000 but more than $27,000. I will benefit by raising the ceiling. My household also has out of pocket medical expenses, so that gets added in which really helps me. And, I urge you to support this.

At 5:44 PM the Public Hearing was adjourned.

Dated: March 18, 2021

I hereby certify that this true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Common Council Public Hearing held on March 15, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. DeLuca
Acting City Chamberlain