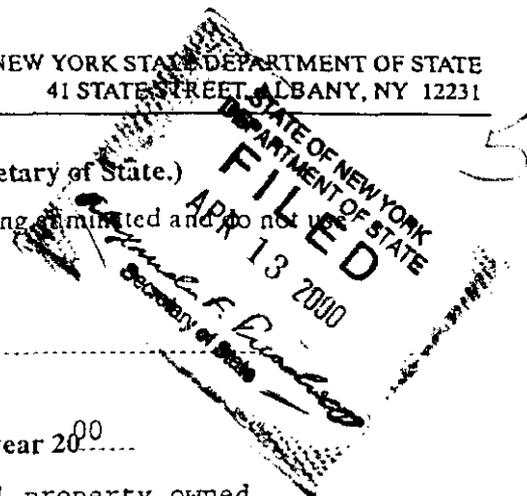


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County
City of Knox
Town
Village

Local Law No. 1 of the year 2000

A local law granting a partial tax exemption of real property owned
(Insert Title)
by persons with limited incomes who are disabled in accordance
with the provisions of Real Property Tax Law section 459-c

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the

County
City of Knox as follows:
Town
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SECTION 1: Persons with Disabilities and Limited Incomes.

Effective as hereinafter provided, there shall be an exemption from taxation for general county purposes to the extent of the percentage of assessed evaluation provided in the following schedule, determined by the maximum income exemption eligibility level also provided in the following schedule up to a maximum of fifty percent (50%) of the assessed valuation of real property owned by one (1) or more persons with disabilities, or real property owned by a husband or wife, or both, or by siblings, at least one of whom has a disability, and whose income, as hereinafter defined, is limited by reason of such disability:

<u>ANNUAL INCOME</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE OF ASSESSED VALUATION EXEMPT FROM TAXATION</u>
Less than \$9,000	50 per centum
More than \$9,000 but less than \$10,000	45 per centum
More than \$10,000 but less than \$11,000	40 per centum
More than \$11,000 but less than \$12,000	35 per centum
More than \$12,000 but less than \$12,900	30 per centum
More than \$12,900 but less than \$13,800	25 per centum
More than \$13,800 but less than \$14,700	20 per centum
More than \$14,700 but less than \$15,600	15 per centum
More than \$15,600 but less than \$16,500	10 per centum

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SECTION 2: Definitions. As used in this local law:

A) "Sibling" shall mean a brother or a sister, whether related through half blood, whole blood or adoption.

B) A person with a disability is one who has a physical or mental impairment, not due to current use of alcohol or illegal drug use, which substantially limits such person's ability to engage in one or more major life activities, such as caring for one's self, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning and working, and who (I) is certified to receive social security disability insurance (SSDI) or supplemental security income (SSI) benefits under the Federal Social Security Act, or (II) is certified to receive railroad retirement disability benefits under the Federal Railroad Retirement Act, or (III) had received a certification from the State Commission for the Blind and Visually Handicapped stating that such person is legally blind.

SECTION 3: Required Proof.

An award letter from the Social Security Administration or the Railroad Retirement Board or a certification from the State Commission for the Blind and Visually Handicapped shall be submitted as proof of disability.

SECTION 4: Computation of exemption.

Any exemption provided by this local law shall be computed after all other partial exemptions allowed by law have been subtracted from the total amount assessed; provided, however, that no parcel may receive an exemption for the same tax purpose pursuant to both this local law and Section 467 of the Real Property Tax Law.

SECTION 5: Real property held in trust.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of law to the contrary, the provisions of this local law shall apply to real property held in trust solely for the benefit of a person or persons who would otherwise be eligible for a real property tax exemption pursuant to this local law.

SECTION 6: Cooperative Apartment ownership.

A) Title to that portion of real property owned by a cooperative apartment corporation in which a tenant-stockholder of such corporation resides, and which is represented by his share or shares of stock in such corporation as determined by its or their proportional relationship to the total outstanding stock of the corporation, including that owned by the corporation, shall be deemed to be vested in such tenant-stockholder.

B) That proportion of the assessment of such real property owned by a cooperative apartment corporation determined by the relationship of such real property vested in such tenant-stockholder to such entire parcel and the buildings thereon owned by such cooperative apartment corporation in which such tenant-stockholder resides shall be subject to exemption from taxation pursuant to this section and any exemption so granted shall be credited by the appropriate taxing authority against the assessed valuation of such real property; the reduction in real property taxes realized thereby shall be credited by the cooperative apartment corporation against the amount of such taxes otherwise payable by or chargeable to such tenant-stockholder.

SECTION 7: No exemption shall be granted.

A) 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 sums authorized by the provisions of Section 459-c of the Real Property Tax Law. "Income tax year" shall mean the twelve-month period for which the owner or owners filed a federal personal income tax return or, if no such return is filed, the

calendar year. Where title is vested in either the husband or wife, their combined income may not exceed such sum, except where the husband or wife, or ex-husband or ex-wife is absent from the property due to divorce, legal separation or abandonment, then only the income of the spouse or ex-spouse residing on the property shall be considered and may not exceed such sum. Where title is vested in siblings, their combined income may not exceed such sum. Such income shall include social security and retirement benefits, interest, dividends, total gain from the sale or exchange of a capital asset which may be offset by a loss from the sale or exchange of a capital asset in the same income tax year, net rental income, salary or earnings and net income from self-employment; but shall not include a return of capital, gifts, inheritances or monies earned through employment in the foster grandparent program and any such income shall be offset by all medical and prescription drug expenses actually paid which were not reimbursed or paid by insurance. In computing net rental income and net income from self-employment, no depreciation deduction shall be allowed for the exhaustion or wear and tear of real or personal property held for the production of income.

B. Unless the property is used exclusively for residential purposes, however, that in the event of any portion of such property is not so used exclusively for residential purposes but is used for other purposes, such portion shall be subject to taxation and the remaining portion only shall be entitled to the exemption provided by this local law.

C. Unless the real property is the legal residence and is occupied, in whole or in part, by the disabled person; except where the disabled person is absent from the residence while receiving health-related care as an inpatient of a residential health care facility, as defined in Section 2801 of the Public Health Law, provided that any income accruing to that person shall be considered income for purposes of this local law only to the extent that it exceeds the amount paid by such person or spouse or sibling of such person for care in the facility.

SECTION 8. Application.

A) Application for such exemption must be made annually by the owner, or all of the owners of the property, on forms prescribed by the State Board to be furnished by the appropriate local assessing unit, and shall furnish the information and be executed in the manner required or prescribed on such forms, and shall be filed in such Assessor's Office on or before the appropriate taxable status date; provided however, proof of a permanent disability need be submitted only in the year an exemption pursuant to this local law is first sought or the disability is first determined to be permanent.

B) At least sixty (60) days prior to the appropriate taxable status date, the appropriate local assessing unit shall mail to each person who was granted an exemption pursuant to this local law 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 continue to be granted. Failure to mail such application form 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.

SECTION 9. Effective Date.

This law shall take effect immediately and shall apply to assessment rolls prepared on the basis of taxable status dates occurring on and after January 1, 2000.

(Complete the certification in the paragraph that applies to the filing of this local law and strike out that which is not applicable.)

1. (Final adoption by local legislative body only.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. 1 of 20⁰⁰ of the ~~(County)(City)(Town)(Village)~~ of Knox was duly passed by the Town Board on April 11 20⁰⁰, in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.
(Name of Legislative Body)

2. (Passage by local legislative body with approval, no disapproval or repassage after disapproval by the Elective Chief Executive Officer*.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. _____ of 20____ of the (County)(City)(Town)(Village) of _____ was duly passed by the _____ on _____ 20____, and was (approved)(not approved)(repassed after disapproval) by the _____ and was deemed duly adopted on _____ 20____, in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.
(Elective Chief Executive Officer)*

3. (Final adoption by referendum.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. _____ of 20____ of the (County)(City)(Town)(Village) of _____ was duly passed by the _____ on _____ 20____, and was (approved)(not approved)(repassed after disapproval) by the _____ on _____ 20____. Such local law was submitted to the people by reason of a (mandatory)(permissive) referendum, and received the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors voting thereon at the (general)(special)(annual) election held on _____ 20____, in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.
(Elective Chief Executive Officer)*

4. (Subject to permissive referendum and final adoption because no valid petition was filed requesting referendum.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. _____ of 20____ of the (County)(City)(Town)(Village) of _____ was duly passed by the _____ on _____ 20____, and was (approved)(not approved)(repassed after disapproval) by the _____ on _____ 20____. Such local law was subject to permissive referendum and no valid petition requesting such referendum was filed as of _____ 20____, in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.
(Elective Chief Executive Officer)*

* Elective Chief Executive Officer means or includes the chief executive officer of a county elected on a county-wide basis or, if there be none, the chairperson of the county legislative body, the mayor of a city or village, or the supervisor of a town where such officer is vested with the power to approve or veto local laws or ordinances.

5. (City local law concerning Charter revision proposed by petition.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. _____ of 20____ of the City of _____ having been submitted to referendum pursuant to the provisions of section (36)(37) of the Municipal Home Rule Law, and having received the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors of such city voting thereon at the (special)(general) election held on _____ 20____, became operative.

6. (County local law concerning adoption of Charter.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. _____ of 20____ of the County of _____ State of New York, having been submitted to the electors at the General Election of November _____ 20____, pursuant to subdivisions 5 and 7 of section 33 of the Municipal Home Rule Law, and having received the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors of the cities of said county as a unit and a majority of the qualified electors of the towns of said county considered as a unit voting at said general election, became operative.

(If any other authorized form of final adoption has been followed, please provide an appropriate certification.)

I further certify that I have compared the preceding local law with the original on file in this office and that the same is a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of such original local law, and was finally adopted in the manner indicated in paragraph _____, above.



Clerk of the County legislative body, City, Town or Village Clerk
or officer designated by local legislative body

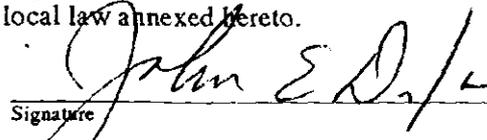
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Date: April 11, 2000

(Certification to be executed by County Attorney, Corporation Counsel, Town Attorney, Village Attorney or other authorized attorney of locality.)

STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF Albany

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing local law contains the correct text and that all proper proceedings have been had or taken for the enactment of the local law annexed hereto.



Signature
Town Attorney
File

County
City of Knox
Town _____
Village _____

Date: April 11, 2000