

## **Assessor Frequently Asked Questions**

### **Can I get a Veteran's Exemption if I was not in combat?**

Yes; we have exemptions for non-combat and for Cold War Veterans. Exemptions also cover the unremarried widow of a qualified veteran. Please call the Assessor's Office to find out what forms you need to bring with you 518-477-9710.

- a first-time applicant will need to provide a Department of Defense DD Form 214, certified by the County Recorder, Recorder of Deed's, or Department of Veterans' Affairs and a Disability Certification Letter from the U.S. Department of Veterans' Affairs, and
- a surviving spouse applying for the first time or transferring the exemption to a new address will need to provide the disabled veteran's death certificate and proof of ownership

### **Can I have an exemption on more than one property?**

Exemptions are given on the owner's Primary Residence.

### **How can I prove my residency?**

Residency can be proven by a valid Driver's License, Car Registration, Voter's Registration, tax return or certain utility bills.

### **Can I get a copy of my deed?**

In most cases we have a copy of your deed. There is no charge for a copy.

**Do I have to renew my exemptions every year?**

Some exemptions need to be renewed annually. We send out renewal applications for these allowing plenty of time for you to file by March 1. (Note the Taxable Status Date explained above).

**Is the STAR exemption still available?**

Yes. Both the STAR and Enhanced STAR are still available. However, the NYS “Middle-Class STAR” rebate program was discontinued by New York State. The Assessor’s Office will post reminders on the Town’s website regarding the STAR renewal process.

**Can you tell me where to go to apply for my STAR Exemption?**

The Assessor’s Office in the Town Hall at 225 Columbia Turnpike.

**I’m looking for information on a piece of property I do not own, what do I do?**

You may contact the Assessor’s Office at 518-477-9710 for more information.

**When will my property be reassessed?**

Generally speaking, properties are reassessed when an improvement is made. Upon issuance of a building permit, the property will be inspected and a reassessment will occur if it is determined that the improvement adds value.

**Will my taxes increase if my assessment goes up?**

Taxes may or may not increase. It depends on a number of factors, such as the type, quality and size of improvement. As well as the how the project changes the assessed value relative to other properties in Town.

***Please feel free to call us with any specific questions you may have.***