

# **Local Law Number 1 Of 2006**

## **County Of Ulster**

### **A Local Law To Provide An Exemption For The Increase In Assessed Value Resulting From The Construction Or Reconstruction Of Living Quarters For Senior Parents Or Grandparents Pursuant To Real Property Tax Law Section 469**

BE IT ENACTED, by the County Legislature of the County of Ulster, as follows:

Section 1. Purpose. The purpose of this Local Law is to exempt, from real property taxes, property owned by persons who construct or reconstruct residential structures for the purpose of providing living quarters for a parent or grandparent of one of the owners, to the extent provided by this Local Law.

Section 2. Age. This exemption shall only apply to premises being constructed or reconstructed for a parent or grandparent who has attained the age of sixty-two years or older prior to the application for the exemption.

Section 3. Exemption Granted. Pursuant to the provisions of the New York State Real Property Tax Law Section 469, an exemption from taxation is granted to the extent of any increase in assessed value of residential property resulting from the construction or reconstruction of such property for the purpose of providing living quarters for a parent or grandparent, who is sixty-two years of age or older. Such exemption shall not exceed (a) the increase in assessed value resulting from construction or reconstruction of such property, or (b) twenty percent of the total assessed value of such property as improved, or (c) twenty percent of the median sale price of residential property as reported in the most recent sales statistical summary published by the State Board for the County in which the property is located, whichever is less.

Section 4. Exclusions. No such exemption shall be granted unless:

- (a) The property is within the geographical area in which such constructions or reconstruction is permitted, and
- (b) The residential property so constructed or reconstructed is the principal place of residence of the owner.

Section 5. Time Restrictions. Such exemption shall be applicable only to construction or reconstruction which occurred subsequent to the effective date of Real Property Tax Law Section 469, and this Local Law, and shall only apply during taxable years during which at least one such parent or grandparent maintains a primary place of residence in such living quarters.

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Section 6. Annual Application. Such exemption from taxation shall be granted upon an application made annually, upon a form to be promulgated by the State Board, by the owner of such property to the Assessor of the City, Town, Village or County having the power to assess property for taxation on or before the appropriate taxable status date of such City, Town, Village or County. If the assessor is satisfied that the property is entitled to an exemption pursuant to this paragraph, the assessor shall approve the application and such residential improvements shall be exempt from taxation and special ad valorem levies as provided in this paragraph.

Section 7. Definitions. For the purposes of this Local Law, the term “parent or grandparent” shall be deemed to include the natural or adopted grandparents and parents of the owner or the spouse of the owner.

Section 8. False Statements. Any conviction of having made any willful false statement in the application for such exemption shall result in the revocation thereof, be punishable by a civil penalty of not more than one hundred dollars and shall disqualify the applicant or applicants from further exemption for a period of five years.

Section 9. Applicability. Such exemptions shall apply to improvements on or after the effective date of this Local Law.

Section 10. Effective Date. This Local Law shall be effective immediately, and move its adoption.

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ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 32                      NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislator Every)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:  
UNKNOWN