


**WAIVER OF NOTICE AND CONSENT
OF SPECIAL MEETING**

We, the Undersigned, being all members of the Riverhead Town Board of the Town of Riverhead, County of Suffolk, and State of New York, do hereby waive notice of the time, place, date and purpose of a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead, to be held at the Town Hall, Riverhead, New York at 11:00 P.M. on the 1st day March of 1999, and do consent to the holding of such meeting for the purpose of:

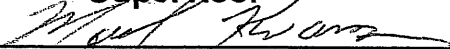
- Res. #198 **ADOPTS LOCAL LAW TO AMEND CHAPTER 95 ENTITLED, "TAXATION" OF THE RIVERHEAD TOWN CODE (65 & OVER EXEMPTION)**
- Res. #199 **ADOPTS A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 95 ENTITLED, "TAXATION" OF THE RIVERHEAD TOWN CODE (EXEMPTIONS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITES AND LIMITED INCOME)**

Dated: March 1 1999

Town Board Members
of Riverhead, New York



Supervisor



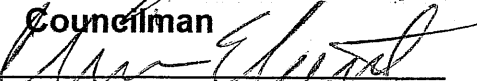
Councilman



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SPECIAL BOARD MEETING:

The Special Board Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Vilella at 10:30 a.m.

Present: Supervisor Vincent Vilella
 Councilman Mark Kwasna
 Councilman James Lull
 Councilman Cardinale
 Councilman Christopher Kent

Also Present: Town Clerk, Barbara Grattan

Supervisor Vilella: "Let the record show that the time of 10:30 a.m. has arrived, the Special Town Board Meeting is now in session."

Resolution No. 198

ADOPTS LOCAL LAW TO AMEND CHAPTER 95 ENTITLED THE
 TAXATION OF THE RIVERHEAD TOWN CODE
 (65 AND OVER EXEMPTION)

COUNCILMAN KENT offered the resolution, which was seconded by Councilman Lull.

The VOTE: Cardinale, yes, Kent, yes, Kwasna, yes, Lull, yes, Vilella, yes.
 The resolution was thereupon declared to be duly ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 199

ADOPTS A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 95 ENTITLED
 TAXATION OF THE RIVERHEAD TOWN CODE
 (EXEMPTIONS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AND
 LIMITED INCOME)

COUNCILMAN KWASNA offered the resolution, which was seconded by Councilman Lull.

Steve Haizilip: "You're not giving out the limits—"
Supervisor Vilella: "The income. What's the amount of money?"

Councilman Kent: "It's a scale—there's a scale. The more you make, the less percentage of an exemption you get."

Steve Haizlip: "I realize that. But what is the top figure?"

Councilman Kent: "The top figure, I believe is \$26,500---or \$26,900—"

Steve Haizlip: "Okay."

The Vote: Cardinale, yes, Kent, yes, Kwasna, yes, Lull, yes, Villella, yes.

The resolution was thereupon declared to be duly ADOPTED.

Supervisor Villella: "Okay. Meeting—yes George."

George Richmond: "I would like to thank you for voting on that. But, I also would like to—I know I wrote you a letter, Mr. Supervisor. I would like to thank an employee of this town for putting herself out and speaking to all of the people with disabilities or tax exemptions or whatever they may be."

Supervisor Villella: "She did a great job with it."

George Richmond: "Very dedicated public official, Laverne Tennenberg. Well, I just wanted you to know that, I'm only living here five years and I just moved out to Jamesport, but I—in my 30 years of government, the people that we had in our Tax Assessor's officer were, I think, rejects from the Motor Vehicle Bureau. But this is a very lovely lady and I think she deserve a real salute. Thank you, sir."

Supervisor Villella: "Thank you, Laverne. Thank you, George. The meeting is adjourned."

Meeting adjourned: 10:33 a.m.



Barbara Grattan
Town Clerk

Minutes of a Public Hearing held by the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead at Town Hall, Howell Avenue, Riverhead, New York on Monday, March 1, 1999, at 10:20 a.m.

Present:

Vincent Villella,	Supervisor
Mark Kwasna,	Councilman
James Lull,	Councilman
Philip Cardinale,	Councilman
Christopher Kent,	Councilman

Also Present:

Barbara Grattan,	Town Clerk
Adam Grossman, Esq.,	Town Attorney

Supervisor Villella called the meeting to order at 10:22 p.m.

Public Hearing opened: 10:22 a.m.

Supervisor Villella: "We're going to open up the public hearing. The time is 10:22. Barbara, would you like to read the public hearing, please?"

Barbara Grattan: "This public hearing was published in Newsday last Monday for a public hearing to be held at 10:00 on March 1, 1999 to hear all interested persons who wish to be heard regarding the amending of a Local Law to increase the income limit for senior citizens for the real property tax exemption."

Supervisor Villella: "Laverne, would you like to speak on that? No. Would anyone like to speak on this public hearing? If you'd like to, you can speak."

Steve Haizlip: "I want to get it on the record. Or are you satisfied that I already told them-- "

Supervisor Villella: "No, go ahead, put it on the record, Steve."

Steve Haizlip: "Well, Joe would be mad at me if I didn't."

Supervisor Villella: "No, we've got to take care of Joe."

Steve Haizlip: "Steve Haizlip of Calverton. I guess it's legal that I can represent my brother-in-law, right?"

Supervisor Villella: "Correct."

Steve Haizlip: "Mr. Joseph (inaudible) of 183 Edwards Avenue, Calverton. Had a heel spur operation by Dr. Ross, the operation was not a success. I have a nerve (inaudible) since the operation. I drive with one shoe off and take two or three painkillers every day and no help. I'm 81 years old. The question is can I fit into this-- when I say I, I'm speaking of Joe-- can I fit into this here disabled program of tax exemption? That is the question."

Supervisor Villella: "Laverne, if you could just answer that like you did before."

Laverne Tennenberg: "Laverne Tennenberg, Town Assessor. The person qualifying for the disabled exemption which is really not what we're talking about right now, but somewhat related, has to have an award letter from the Social Security Administration stating that they have a permanent disability and I believe that the gentleman in question does not have an award letter. But I will say that if they currently have a senior citizen exemption, that they are not entitled to qualify for the disabled. You have to-- you can only get one or the other exemption and I believe Mr. (inaudible) is getting the current senior citizen exemption as currently on the books, therefore, the point is moot because he would not be entitled to the disabled exemption. Thank you."

Supervisor Villella: "Thank you, Laverne. Anyone else like to speak on this? George?"

George Richmond: "I usually talk louder than the microphone anyway. I know that you are talking about just a regular taxes for seniors but to reiterate what Ms. Tannenberg just said. The tax exemption for the permanently disabled is a battery of tests you must go through with social security. I know when I had to qualify for mine, I had to see at least 18 social security doctors before they would rule, and it is their ruling that I am permanently disabled and, of course, I wouldn't be in this chair if I wasn't.

But the bottom line is I happened to overhear Mr. Haizlip before talking about it. I know the gentleman is a lot older, I don't know legally whether he could go back to Social Security and say, well,

look, I'm permanently disabled now. I want an award letter now stating that I'm permanently disabled, whether that would help him or not. Ms. Tennenberg would know better than that on that subject than I would. But for the people that are permanently disabled, as Chairman of your Handicap Advisory Committee, I think this is probably one of the best things that's come out in quite a while to help people like myself. Yes, my social security check if I had to live on it after being retired would be about \$300 less than what I'm getting now in my social security. If I was to die tomorrow morning, my social security would revert back to its normal figure; my wife would apply for that because it would be more than what she would be entitled to. So when you gentlemen are thinking this morning with your collective thoughts, I know I would salute you. I know I would be very proud of all of you if you would give this very good thought the same as Brookhaven, Islip and a few other towns did, that the people with the award letters from Social Security which is a four page letter, it does state that they have been-- that we have been examined by their doctors and we have met the criteria that Social Security counts on and, therefore, we have been awarded that permanent disability. And we would thank you if you would pass that."

Supervisor Villella: "Okay, thank you very much. Laverne, do we have the resolution ready to adopt?"

Barbara Grattan: "Actually, Vinny, there were two-- "

Supervisor Villella: "That's right, we have-- "

Barbara Grattan: "Actually-- "

Supervisor Villella: "Let me declare the public hearing closed at 10:28 a.m."

Public Hearing closed: 10:28 a.m.

Public Hearing opened: 10:28 a.m.

Supervisor Villella: "Barbara, could you please read the public hearing for the next one?"

Barbara Grattan: "Sure. This was also published in Newsday as of last Monday and it's for a public hearing to be held at 10:00 on March 1, 1999 to hear all interested persons who wish to be heard

regarding the adoption of a Local Law granting a partial real property tax exemption to property owned by persons with disabilities whose incomes are limited by reason of such disabilities."

Supervisor Villella: "Okay. And that's the one you touched on most, George, so I appreciate your getting it going. Does anyone like to speak on this public hearing?"

(Unidentified): "You have my letter, right?"

Supervisor Villella: "Yes. It's on record-- do we have on for record-- Mr. Harrison's (phonetic)-- "

Barbara Grattan: "I don't have it."

Supervisor Villella: "You didn't send it to the Town Clerk? You just sent it to-- "

(Unidentified): "I sent it to all five of you."

Councilman Kent: "Yes, we have it. Do you have it with you? You could read it into the record. It's a long letter, I know."

Supervisor Villella: "We could put it on the record anyway."

Councilman Kent: "You could just submit it."

Supervisor Villella: "Just submit it then. Anything that has to be submitted that you want to read for the record has to go to the Town Clerk's office and then to the five Board members. And, Barbara, you do have the resolutions?"

Barbara Grattan: "I've got the resolutions."

Supervisor Villella: "Good. All right. So we could declare this public hearing closed? 10:29."

Public Hearing closed: 10:29 a.m.

Supervisor Villella: "Would you like to take a vote on the resolutions?"