

RESOLUTION NO. 216

AUTHORIZING A ONE-TIME AMNESTY PERIOD FOR REDUCTION OF INTEREST CHARGED ON DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES

Introduced: 6/8/20

By Mr. Commisso:

WHEREAS, The ongoing coronavirus pandemic has greatly impacted the expected revenues for the 2020 Fiscal Year for the County of Albany, which are necessary in order to maintain the functions and services of government that many rely upon, and

WHEREAS, In an effort to reduce the budget deficit facing Albany County, this Honorable Body has proposed to offer a one-time amnesty period to provide taxpayers a brief 90 day period to clear past-due taxes at a lowered interest rate, and

WHEREAS, During the proposed amnesty period, intended to motivate payments, the interest rate on unpaid delinquent taxes will be reduced by half from 1% added per month to .5% added, and

WHEREAS, There is proposed a handling fee of \$100 per property for all properties in which more than \$1,000 is owed in taxes, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to implement a one-time amnesty period from August 1, 2020 to October 31, 2020 for the reduction of interest charged on delinquent property taxes, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Attorney is authorized to approve as to form and content agreements and documents necessary for the implementation of the aforementioned amnesty program, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the County Legislature is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the appropriate County Officials.

Referred to Audit and Finance Committee – 6/8/20