

RESOLUTION NO. 169

AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION AND REFUND OF DELINQUENT TAX PENALTIES FOR CERTAIN SENIOR CITIZENS IN THE CITY OF ALBANY

Introduced: 5/13/13

By Messrs. Domalewicz, Commisso, Morse, Beston, Bullock, Ms. Chapman, Messrs. Clay, Clenahan, Ms. Connolly, Messrs. Corcoran, Cotrofeld, Dawson, Ethier, Feeney, Higgins, Jacobson, Joyce, Ms. Kinsch, Mr. Mackey, Ms. Maffia-Tobler, Mr. Mayo, Mss. McLean Lane, McKnight, Messrs. Nichols, O'Brien, Rahm, Reilly, Simpson and Ward:

WHEREAS, The City of Albany Treasurer's Office sent out property tax bills that created confusion for certain senior citizen taxpayers who were led to believe that their full tax liability was less than the amount actually owed, and

WHEREAS, The tax bills pertained to installment payment tax bills offered to seniors in which the total tax liability is shown and the shown amount due is only the amount of the payment to be made towards the total tax, and

WHEREAS, The Albany City Treasurer's Office changed the format of the 2012 tax bills and 137 senior taxpayers paid the first installment payment, but failed to pay the second installment, and

WHEREAS, This Honorable Body understands that the economic environment faced by our senior citizens is difficult enough without further penalizing certain senior citizens in the City of Albany who made an honest and understandable mistake, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that refunds for residents are authorized to be made by the County of Albany to residents who were charged penalties, interest and other charges as a result of the confusion created by the changed format of the tax, and, be it further

RESOLVED, In order to be eligible for such refund, individuals must meet all the following criteria:

- a. Their 2012 property tax bill from the City of Albany allowed for installment payments; and
- b. they have no other existing property tax delinquencies; and
- c. they have paid their full first property tax installment to the City of Albany in 2012; and
- d. they have paid their full second property tax installment to Albany County prior to May 31, 2013; and
- e. they have completed and signed a County-provided form affirming their eligibility based on the aforementioned requirements

and, be it further

RESOLVED, The Commissioner of Management and Budget is directed to provide notice of this resolution to the aforementioned 137 senior citizens, 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.

Adopted by unanimous vote. 5/13/13