

### ***Local Senior and Disability Exemption Renewals Waived***

Due to Covid-19, Governor Andrew Cuomo has signed legislation waiving the annual renewal requirement for senior citizens and low-income disability property owners who had property tax exemptions in 2020.

Under the legislation property tax exemptions for those owners will be frozen at the level granted on last year's assessment roll and will automatically granted for the assessment roll filed this coming May. The Assessment Office will be sending letters to property owners who have already filed a renewal application advising them of the change. This legislation does not affect property owners who only have the Enhanced STAR exemption, as that exemption is now verified by the NYS Department of Taxation.

Any property owner becoming eligible for either of these exemptions or, the Enhanced STAR exemption, must still file an application by March 1, 2021. For senior citizens the eligibility requirements include, aged sixty-five by December 31, 2021, property must be residential and owner occupied and maximum income for 2019, less than \$37,400. For the low-income disability exemption, the property owner must have been awarded a disability designation from Social Security, property must be residential and owner occupied and the maximum income for 2019 be less than \$37,399. For Enhanced STAR property owner must be 65 years of age by December 31, 2021, property must be residential and owner occupied, maximum income for Enhanced STAR is \$90,550.

Exemption applications (for first time filers) are available on the Town's website, [www.alden.erie.gov](http://www.alden.erie.gov) or by calling the Assessment Office at 937-6969 ext. 7 At this time, all exemption filings are being accepted by appointment only.