

NEW ROCHELLE, NY
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
PROPOSED LOCAL LAW, INTRO. NO. 1
RE: EMERGENCY EXTENSION FOR FILING APPLICATION FOR
SENIOR CITIZEN EXEMPTION

NOTICE is hereby given that the City Council of the City of New Rochelle, New York, will hold a Public Hearing in accordance with the provisions of Section 16 of Article III of the Charter of the City of New Rochelle and in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Home Rule Law of the State of New York, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 515 North Avenue, New Rochelle, New York, on Tuesday, April 21, 2020, at **5:00 P. M.**, on a proposed Local Law, Intro. No. 1, as follows:

A LOCAL LAW, INTRO NO. 1, ADOPTING THE EMERGENCY EXTENSION FOR FILING
AN APPLICATION FOR A SENIOR CITIZEN EXEMPTION.

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Except as so amended, Section 288 shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. Severability.

Should any provision of this Local Law be declared invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such declaration of unconstitutionality or invalidity shall not affect any other provisions of this Local Law, which may be implemented without the invalid or unconstitutional provisions.

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PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION:

The Code of the City of New Rochelle, 288-1C, requires property owners 65 years of age and older to submit an exemption application to be considered for this property tax reduction on or before May 1st of each year. The Coronavirus pandemic may make it impossible for certain eligible seniors to meet this deadline. Therefore, it is recommended that a Local Law be adopted for a one time extension of the filing period to June 16, 2020, for the Partial Tax Exemption for Real Property of Senior Citizens.

Due to public health concerns and in accordance with the Executive Order issued by Governor Cuomo suspending portions of the Open Meetings Law, members of the public ***may not attend in person*** but may observe the proceedings in real time on the City of New Rochelle’s website and may provide comments in writing by mail or electronically, as follows: Mail - City Clerk,

515 North Avenue, New Rochelle, NY 10801; Fax - 914-654-2158; email - MOliveros@newrochelleny.com.

By order of the City Council dated March 27, 2020, pursuant to Resolution No. 44.
MICHELLE OLIVEROS, CITY CLERK