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June 12, 2008

Oneida County
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7N2008-326

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM

WAYS & MEANS

Honorable Members:

I have received the attached correspondence from Legislator Tanoury requesting that Mohawk Valley EDGE provide financial reports to the Board of Legislators every six months.

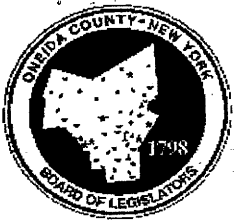
I hereby forward Mr. Tanoury's request to committee for consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerald J. Fiorini
Chairman of the Board

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ONEIDA COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS

Larry Tanoury, Jr., 800 Park Avenue, Utica, New York 13501
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Home Phone: 792-6985 • ltanoury@ocgov.net

May 28, 2008

The Honorable Gerald J. Fiorini, Chairman
Oneida County Board of Legislators
Oneida County Office Building
800 Park Ave.
Utica, New York 13501

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Dear Chairman Fiorini:

Attached please find a proposed resolution asking that Mohawk Valley EDGE begin submitting written financial reports to the Oneida County Board of Legislators every six months.

As County Legislators I believe we are all very much concerned with the progress of economic development and the various projects undertaken throughout the County of Oneida to promote economic and industrial development of our local area. I believe that Mohawk Valley EDGE should submit semi-annual financial reports showing how taxpayer dollars are being spent for economic development purposes in Oneida County and the specific amount of dollars that are being spent on individual economic development projects during the previous six-month period.

I would respectfully request that you forward this proposal to the appropriate committee(s) of the board for consideration prior to subsequent action by the full Board of Legislators.

I would be happy to discuss these with you further at your convenience. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or comments.

Respectfully submitted,

LARRY TANOURY, JR.
ONEIDA COUNTY LEGISLATOR
25TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

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ONEIDA COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS

RESOLUTION NO.

INTRODUCED BY: Mr. Tanoury

RE: RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT MOHAWK VALLEY EDGE SUBMIT FINANCIAL REPORTS TO THE ONEIDA COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS ON A SEMI-ANNUAL BASIS

WHEREAS, The Members of this Honorable Board of County Legislators are very much concerned with the progress of economic development and the various projects undertaken throughout the County of Oneida to promote economic and industrial development of our local area, and

WHEREAS, It is the desire of the Board of Legislators to have Mohawk Valley EDGE submit semi-annual financial reports showing how taxpayer dollars are being spent for economic development purposes in Oneida County and the specific amount of dollars that are being spent on individual economic development projects during the previous six-month period, now, therefore be it hereby

RESOLVED, That the Oneida County Board of Legislators hereby requests that Mohawk Valley EDGE submit written financial reports to the Board of Legislators on a semi-annual basis showing taxpayer dollars that are being spent for economic development purposes in Oneida County, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the annual reports submitted to the Board of Legislators show a breakdown of dollars being spent of individual economic development projects during the previous six-month period.

APPROVED: Economic Development & Tourism ()
Ways & Means Committee ()

DATED:

Adopted by the following v.v. vote:
AYES: ___ NAYS: ___ ABSENT: ___

ONEIDA COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Adirondack Bank Building, 5th Floor, 185 Genesee St., Utica, NY 13501

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NICHOLAS A. DEROSA
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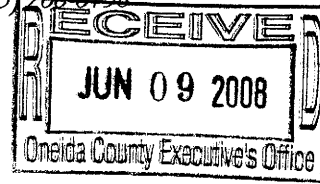
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June 6, 2008



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Anthony J. Picente Jr., County Executive
Oneida County Office Building
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PUBLIC HEALTH WAYS & MEANS

Dear Mr. Picente:

The *Division of Environmental Health* endeavors to protect county residents and visitors from health hazards that are beyond the control of ordinary citizens.

The division is requesting to purchase ten (10) new computers, their monitors, and site licenses to complete their upgrade which has been in progress the past year. Also, with the anticipated increase in travel costs the division would like to modify its original budget request for travel & subsistence.

These two actions can be supported by the Senior Public Health Sanitarian (position #19) vacant since April 8, 2008.

We therefore are requesting the following transfer for the

From: A4018.101 – Salaries.....	\$ 15,000
To: A4018.212– Computer Hardware.....	\$ 6,800
A4018.455 – Travel & Subsistence.....	5,200
A4018.492 – Computer Software & Licenses.....	3,000
Total:	\$15,000

Please request the Board to act on the above mention at their earliest convenience.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Nicholas A. DeRosa
Nicholas A. DeRosa
Director of Public Health

Reviewed and Approved for submittal to the
Oneida County Board of Legislators by

Anthony J. Picente, Jr.
Anthony J. Picente, Jr.
County Executive

Cc: T. Keeler, Director of Budget

Date *6/10/08*

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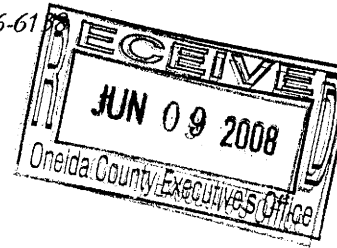
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**PUBLIC HEALTH
WAYS & MEANS**

Dear Mr. Picente:

When constructing our 2008 County budget we anticipate an award of \$37,008 for Oneida County's *Tuberculosis Prevention & Control Program*. The actual award for this contract is \$50,000 for the period of March 31, 2008 through March 30, 2009 or \$12,992 more than what was originally budgeted.

In order to align the county budget with that of the state we are requesting that portion (\$9,745) designated to county's current fiscal year be appropriated into the **2008** fiscal year.

To: A4014.195 – Other Fees & Services.....	\$ 9,045
A4014.212 – Computer Equipment.....	700
Total:	\$ 9,745

This appropriation will be supported by revenue in A3414 – State Aid–Tuberculosis Control for \$9,745.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Nicholas A. DeRosa
Director of Public Health

Cc: T. Keeler, Director of Budget

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Anthony J. Picente, Jr.
County Executive
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ANTHONY J. PICENTE, JR., *County Executive*
JOHN R. KENT, Jr., *Commissioner*

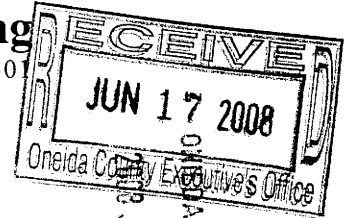
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Oneida County Department of Planning
Boehlert Center at Union Station, 321 Main Street, Utica, NY 13501

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JUN 18 PM 2:18

Anthony J. Picente, Jr.
County Executive
Oneida County Office Building
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Re: NYS Office of Community Renewal 2008 Economic Development Grant Application

Dear County Executive Picente:

In a continuing effort to assist municipalities throughout New York State in creating jobs and new economic opportunities, Governor Paterson has announced the availability of funding for New York State's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 2008 Economic Development Program. The New York State Office of Community Renewal (OCR) has created a more flexible, year-round process for funding eligible economic development projects under the CDBG Program. The open funding round allows municipalities with projects that are ready to move forward to apply for funding at any time throughout the year.

Oneida County has submitted a preliminary request for funding for Economic Development Assistance for an amount not to exceed \$750,000 for Sherrill Manufacturing, Inc. located in the City of Sherrill. This funding will assist the company with equipment upgrades, employee training and working capital to increase sales of flatware products and services to additional customers in the United States marketplace. This project will create 120 new jobs and retain an additional 135 at the Sherrill facility.

Since the CDBG program does not require a local match, no Oneida County dollars will be expended on these projects. Upon award of the CDBG grant, Mohawk Valley EDGE will administer the program on behalf of Oneida County.

Therefore, we respectfully request that you submit to the Oneida County Board of Legislators a request to authorize you to submit an application to the New York State Office of Community Renewal for an Economic Development grant totaling \$750,000. Included in this resolution is the authorization to conduct the mandated public hearings

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on the Community Development Block Grant application, as required by the statutory requirements of the CDBG program, and, if awarded the grant, authorization to enter into an agreement with the Mohawk Valley EDGE to administer the program.

Due to the rapidly approaching OFSC application deadline of July 21, 2008, I send you this message of necessity requesting that the Board of Legislators waive the waiting time requirements as provided in Section 20(4) of the Municipal Home Rule Law so that they may approve these actions at their regular meeting on **June 25, 2008**.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter please contact me.


Sincerely,

John R. Kent, Jr.

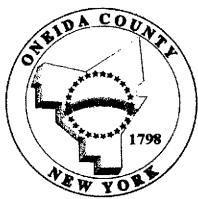
John R. Kent, Jr.
Commissioner of Planning

Cc: Michael D. Damsky
Emil Paparella
Patricia Hudak

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Anthony J. Picente, Jr.
County Executive

Date 6-17-08



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June 17, 2008

Board of Legislators
800 Park Ave.
Utica, NY 13501

WAYS & MEANS

Honorable Members:

As a result of the County's strong financial results for 2007 which were announced to you in April of this year, County Comptroller Joseph Timpano and myself are requesting the adoption of the following allocation of the various accounts in the general fund balance as follows:

Beginning Balance For unrestricted/unappropriated/undesigned @ 5/27/08: \$13,492,553

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	
Restricted For Fiscal Stability	\$8,000,000	\$10,000,000	<2,000,000>
Reserve For GASB #45 OPEB Trust	\$500,000	\$1,000,000	<500,000>
Reserve For Pay-As-You-Go Capital Projects	\$250,000	\$500,000	<250,000>
Reserve For Economic Development	\$450,000	\$1,000,000	<550,000>

Proposed ending Balance for unrestricted/unappropriated/undesigned @ 5/27/08 \$10,192,553

This action continues my pledge to not only stabilize our fiscal situation but to solidify our long range budget planning by having a strong fund balance that addresses cash flow as well as reserves for capital expenses and economic development.

Comptroller Timpano and I respectfully ask for your approval and adoption of the proposed actions.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Sincerely,

Anthony J. Picente Jr.
Oneida County Executive

Cc: Comptroller Joseph Timpano

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ONEIDA COUNTY
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June 11, 2008

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The Honorable Anthony J. Picente, Jr.
Oneida County Executive
800 Park Avenue
Utica, New York 13501

**PUBLIC SAFETY
WAYS & MEANS**

Dear Mr. Picente:

By this letter, I am requesting your approval as well as that of the Board of Legislators for the following supplemental appropriation from the forfeiture cost center to purchase a pole-cam for the Rome Police Department/Oneida County Drug Enforcement Task Force:

TO:
A3430.295 Other Equipment \$3,000

This supplemental appropriation will be fully supported by forfeiture funds that are already on deposit.

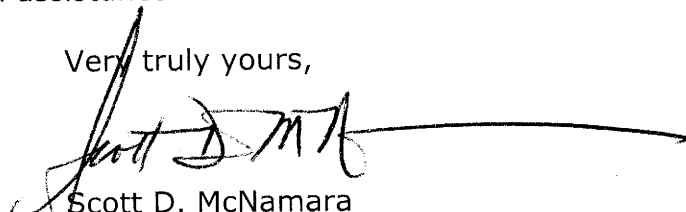
A1207 Law Enforcement, Approp. F.B. Year Forfeitures \$3,000

At your earliest convenience, please submit this request to the Board of Legislators for their approval.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

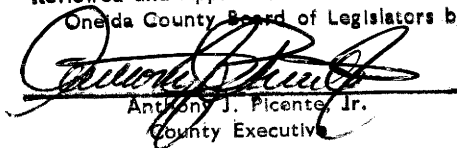
Thank you for your time and assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,



Scott D. McNamara
Oneida County District Attorney

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Anthony J. Picente, Jr.
County Executive

DATE 6-17-08

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ONEIDA COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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Oneida County Executive
800 Park Avenue
Utica, New York 13501

PUBLIC HEALTH

WAYS & MEANS

Dear Mr. Picente:

Attached are three (3) copies of an agreement between Oneida County through its Health Department and Rocco Garro, II.

As you are aware, the Oneida County Health Department – Environmental Health is charged with ensuring compliance of Public Health Law, New York State Sanitary Code and Oneida County Sanitary Code. The purpose of Mr. Garro’s agreement is to preside as public health hearing officer for enforcement hearings. The term of this agreement shall become effective September 1, 2008 and remain in effect until August 31, 2011 with **reimbursement in the amount of \$35 per docket. Fines are generated from hearings; 36% of net expenses (hearing costs less fines) will be county dollar expenditures.**

If this agreement meets with your approval, please submit to the Board of Legislators for approval.

Sincerely,

Nicholas A. DeRosa
Director of Health

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Oneida County Board of Legislators by

Anthony J. Picente, Jr.
County Executive

Date 6/19/08

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CONTRACT SUMMARY SHEET - ONEIDA COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

DIVISION: Administration

NAME AND ADDRESS OF VENDOR: Rocco Garro, II
~~1013 Garden Road~~ 1014 Rutger Street
Utica, New York 13501

VENDOR CONTACT PERSON: Nicholas A. DeRosa, Director of Health

DESCRIPTION OF CONTRACT: Hearing Officer presides in the enforcement system and standardized procedures which consists of the Agency collection and documentation of accurate and complete information in accordance with Public Health Law, 10 NYCRR (State Sanitary Code)

CLIENT POPULATION SERVED: Residents of Oneida County

PREVIOUS CONTRACT YEAR: September 1, 2005 through August 31, 2008

TOTAL: \$35 per docket

THIS CONTRACT YEAR: September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2011

TOTAL: \$35 per docket

 NEW X RENEWAL AMENDMENT

FUNDING SOURCE: \$35 per docket

Less Revenues: 1

State Funds: 2

County Dollars: Difference between hearing and revenue

1 - Fines generated from hearings

2 - 36% of net expenses (hearing costs less fines)

SIGNATURE: Nicholas A. DeRosa, Director of Health

DATE: February 21, 2008

Reviewed by: Brian M. Miga
Brian M. Miga
Assistant County Attorney

Date: 3-13-08



OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF

COUNTY OF ONEIDA

DANIEL G. MIDDAUGH
SHERIFF

M. PETER PARAVATI
UNDERSHERIFF

June 2, 2008

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Paulette Nickerson
Commissioner of Personnel
800 Park Avenue
Utica NY 13501

WAYS & MEANS

RE: Fran Smith

Dear Commissioner Nickerson:

On behalf of Fran Smith, one of our civilians in building maintenance, I am requesting an extension of sick time for the maximum of time that he is eligible for. Fran has been out of work since April 7, 2008, with a heart attack and bypass surgery. He is hoping to return to work by July 1, 2008. All of his time bank has been exhausted and we have posted for donated time.

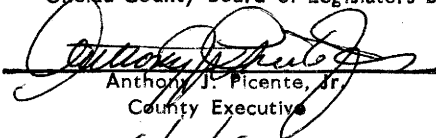
Fran has been employed by the Oneida County Sheriff's Office since May 7, 1998. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,


Daniel G. Middaugh
Oneida County Sheriff

DGM:cjb

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Anthony J. Picente, Jr.
County Executive

Date 6/7/08

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ONEIDA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL

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Web site: www.ocgov.net

May 12, 2008

Honorable Anthony J. Picente Jr
County Executive
800 Park Avenue
Utica, New York 13501

Dear County Executive Picente:

Attached please find correspondence from Oneida County Sheriff, Daniel G. Middaugh, requesting extended sick leave with pay for Francis E. Smith, Building Maintenance Worker.

Mr. Smith began his employment with Oneida County on May 7, 1998 and has 10 years of service with Oneida County. According to Oneida County Personnel Rules, he may be granted up to twenty (20) working days of extended sick leave with pay with the understanding that he is obligated to pay back the sick days used upon his return to work. He has also applied for the Leave Donation Program as required by the Oneida County Personnel Rules.

I recommend that this request be forward to the Board of Legislators for their consideration at their next meeting.

Sincerely,

Paulette Z. Nickerson
Commissioner

Attachment

Cc: Sheriff Middaugh.
Francis E. Smith

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ONEIDA COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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Dear Mr. Picente:

Attached are five (5) copies of an agreement between Oneida County through its Health Department and the New York State Office of Children and Family Services which allows our department to contract with Family Nurturing Center of Central New York.

The purpose of this agreement is to follow the guidelines and rules as directed by the State Office for Children and Family Services for the implementation of Health Families Oneida County as stated in the terms of this agreement. This agreement shall become effective July 1, 2008 and remain in effect until June 30, 2009 (please note this contract will terminate on June 30, 2008) with reimbursement in the amount of \$750,000. **In order to maintain the terms of this agreement, request is hereby made to fast track this contract for your review and signature. No county dollars will be expended as this agreement is 100% state funded.** In brief summary, this contract will allow for intensive national home visiting program.

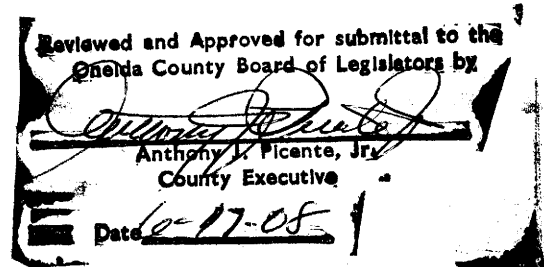
If this agreement meets with your approval, please forward to the Board of Legislators for approval.

Sincerely,

Nicholas A. DeRosa

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Director of Health

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May 29, 2008

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PUBLIC HEALTH

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Dear Mr. Picente:

Under Section 4410 of the New York State Education Law in compliance with Part 200 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education of the State of New York municipalities are to provide payment for evaluations, tuition and SEIT services rendered to eligible preschool aged children with disabilities.

Enclosed please find (3) three copies of an Agreement between Madison Oneida BOCES and the Oneida County Health Department, Education/Transportation of Handicapped Children Program for the reimbursement of evaluations, tuition and SEIT services for the period July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2011.

We anticipate reimbursement will exceed \$50,000.00 through June 30, 2011 school year.

Please contact me if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

Nicholas A. DeRosa
Director of Health

NAD/bc
Enclosures

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Anthony J. Picente, Jr.
County Executive

Date 6/2/08

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CONTRACT SUMMARY SHEET - ONEIDA COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

DIVISION: Education and Transportation of Handicapped Children Program
Account Number: A 2960.1952 Evaluations
A 2960.4957 SEIT and Tuition

NAME AND ADDRESS OF VENDOR: Madison Oneida BOCES
4937 Spring Road, PO Box 168
Verona NY 13478-0168

VENDOR CONTACT PERSON: Patricia Vacca, Director of Early Childhood

DESCRIPTION OF CONTRACT: The Oneida County Health Department contracts with program providers and individual therapists who are qualified to provide services according to Section 4410 of Education Law, Part 200 Regulations of the Commissioner of Education, New York State Education Department Individual and Disabilities Act of 1990, Title 34, Part 300 of the Code of Federal Regulations. Transportation services are provided in accordance with Section 119-0 of the General Municipal Law and Section 236 of the Family Court Act.

CLIENT POPULATION SERVED: 12-20

PREVIOUS CONTRACT YEAR TOTAL: \$ 231,865.17

THIS CONTRACT YEAR: Rate for Evaluations, SEIT and Tuition are set by New York State Education Department.

THIS IS CONTRACT PERIOD: July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2011

_____ NEW RENEWAL _____ AMENDMENT

FUNDING SOURCE: Contract Amount \$ _____ over \$50,000.00 _____
Less Revenues: _____

State Funds _____ 59.5% of Total Dollars _____

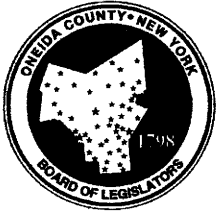
County Dollars - Previous Contract \$ _____ % of Total Dollars _____

County Dollars - This Contract \$ _____ % of Total Dollars _____

Approved as to Form by County Attorney: _____
Brian Miga, Esq.

SIGNATURE: THERESA KAPES , DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL CHILDRENS SERVICES

DATE: May 29, 2008



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Minority Leader

June 24, 2008

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Board of Legislators
800 Park Ave.
Utica, NY 13501

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Honorable Members:

After careful consideration, I am forwarding for your approval Legislator Paparella and Legislator Goodman's request to offer the Cold War Veteran's exemption. Section 458-b of the New York State Property Tax law offers those who served in the Military between September 2, 1945 and December 26, 1991 a 10 percent reduction in their assessment for County tax purposes. The exemption is limited to 10 years duration.

I have attached documentation from the New York State Board of Real Property Tax Services outlining the exemption. At the recommendation of the County Attorney and the Commissioner of Finance, I am requesting that any vote on this legislation be held until the taxable status date has expired for the Cities of Utica and Rome, which is August 1. This is intended to make the exemption uniform with the towns. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Gerald J. Fiorini
Chairman

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NYS BOARD OF REAL PROPERTY SERVICES
INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICATION FOR COLD WAR
VETERANS EXEMPTION FROM REAL PROPERTY TAXATION

Section 458-b of the Real Property Tax Law authorizes a limited exemption from real property taxes for real property owned by persons who rendered military service to the United States during the Cold War (defined as September 2, 1945 to December 26, 1991), provided such property meets the requirements set forth in the law. The task of administering this law lies primarily with local assessors who are required to pass upon each application for exemption.

These instructions are intended to assist applicants in the completion of form RP-458-b and to discuss issues concerning the Cold War veterans exemption. Technical discussion has been avoided so that the material will have the widest possible usefulness. Assessors may address their questions to the Counsel of the State Board of Real Property Services, Sheridan Hollow Plaza, 16 Sheridan Ave., Albany, NY 12210-2714. Veterans should address their inquiries to their local office of the New York State Division of Veterans' Affairs or their County Veterans' Service Agency.

Section 458-b of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York authorizes an exemption from real property taxation for qualified residential real property owned by Cold War veterans or certain members of their family based on a percentage of assessed value. The exemption is applicable to general municipal taxes, but not school taxes, special ad valorem levies or special assessments.

Each county, city, town and village has the option of deciding whether to grant the Cold War veterans exemption. You should check with your assessor to determine whether the exemption is available for your property.

A qualified residential parcel may receive an exemption equal to 10%, or at local option, 15% of its assessed value. This exemption is limited to 10 years duration. Where a veteran has received a service-connected disability rating from the Veterans' Administration or the Department of Defense, there is an additional exemption which is equal to one-half of the disability rating, multiplied by the assessed value of the property. Each of these is subject to maximum limits set by the municipality. The municipal choices of maximum exemptions available are:

	Reduced 10%	Reduced 15%	Reduced 10%	Reduced 15%	Basic 10%	Basic 15%
Service	4000	6000	6000	9000	8000	12000
Disability	20000	20000	30000	30000	40000	40000

You should check with your assessor to determine the maximum exemption limits in the municipalities in which you reside.

Once the municipality has chosen the maximum exemption amounts, the maximum amounts must then be multiplied by the latest final state equalization rate, or, in special assessing units (i.e., New York City and Nassau County), class ratio (if the equalization rate or class ratio is 100 or less), for the assessing unit in order to arrive at the applicable maximums for each assessment roll. These rates and ratios normally change from year to year; this will affect the maximum exemption amounts.

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QUESTIONS 1-2 These questions are self-explanatory. Where the property is owned by more than one person, include names, telephone numbers, and post office addresses of all owners. Attach additional sheets if more space is necessary to answer this or any other question on this form. Note, that if a person holds a life estate in the property, that person is the legal owner of the property. If the property is held in trust, the trustees are the legal owners of the property.

QUESTION 3 The location of the property should conform to its description on the latest assessment roll. Contact your local assessor for assistance in furnishing this description.

QUESTION 4 A qualifying owner for the exemption includes a veteran of the Cold War, the spouse of such veteran or the unremarried surviving spouse. A veteran who is also the unremarried surviving spouse of a veteran may also receive any exemption to which the deceased spouse was entitled.

QUESTIONS 5-6 The veteran must have served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces between September 2, 1945 and December 26, 1991 and been honorably discharged or released from service. As proof of the dates and character of service, a copy of Form DD 214 or other appropriate evidence should be attached to your application.

QUESTION 7 If the additional Cold War exemption is to be granted based on service-connected disability rating, evidence of exemption eligibility must be provided by the property owner. Where an exemption has been granted pursuant to sec. 458-b based on the veteran's service-connected disability, the percentage of such disability must be re-certified prior to taxable status date if the disability increases or decreases (see form RP-458-b-Dis). If the veteran is deceased, such rating is the last rating received prior to the veteran's death. Where the veteran died in service of a service-connected disability, the veteran is deemed to have been assigned a compensation rating of 100 percent. For assistance in obtaining disability rating information, you should contact your local office of the New York State Division of Veterans' Affairs or your County Veterans' Service Agency.

QUESTION 8 To obtain the Cold War veterans exemption, the property must be the primary residency of the veteran or his or her unremarried surviving spouse unless such person is absent from the property due to medical reasons or institutionalization.

QUESTION 9 To obtain the Cold War veterans exemption, the property must be used exclusively for residential purposes. However, if a portion of the property is used for other than residential purposes, the exemption applies only to that portion which is used exclusively for residential purposes.

QUESTION 10 For a Cold War veterans exemption, eligibility depends, in part, on who has the title to qualifying residential real property. Attach a copy of the deed to your application.

QUESTION 11 The defined Cold War period includes periods of war and other military engagements. If a Cold War veteran receives an eligible funds veterans exemption (per Real Property Tax Law, sec. 458) or an alternative veterans exemption (per Real Property Tax Law, sec. 458-a), the Cold War veteran may not also receive the Cold War veterans exemption. (For more information concerning the eligible funds exemption or alternative exemption, contact your assessor.)

QUESTION 12 Because the term of the basic exemption is limited to 10 years, you must state if you previously received such exemption, and, if so, where and when.

FILING THE APPLICATION

Application (RP-458-b) for exemption must be made to the local assessors. Where property is located in a village which assesses, separate applications must be filed with both the village and town assessors. The application must be filed annually on or before taxable status date. Taxable status date for most towns is March 1. In Nassau County, the taxable status date for towns is January 2. In towns in Erie County, the taxable status date is May 1. In towns in Westchester County, the taxable status date is June 1. Taxable status date for most villages which assess is January 1; however, the village clerk should be consulted to insure certainty. Charter provisions control in cities so inquiry should be made of city assessors for the taxable status dates in cities. In New York City, taxable status date is January 5, but applications for this exemption may be filed on or before March 15. **Do not file the application with the State Board of Real Property Services.**

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ONEIDA COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS

RESOLUTION NO.

**INTRODUCED BY: Messrs. Waterman, Porter, Paparella, Goodman
2ND BY:**

LOCAL LAW INTRODUCTORY "C" OF 2008

LOCAL LAW NO. OF 2008

A LOCAL LAW ENACTING A LIMITED EXEMPTION FROM REAL PROPERTY TAXES FOR COLD WAR VETERANS AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 458-b OF THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW

Legislative Intent: The intent of this Local law is to provide some limited real property tax relief to those persons who rendered military service to the United States during the Cold War period.

BE IT ENACTED by the Board of County Legislators of the County of Oneida, State of New York, as follows:

1. That the provisions of Section 458-b of the New York State Real Property Tax Law, as adopted herein, shall apply only to the levy of County real property taxes in the County of Oneida. Such exemption shall not apply to school taxes, special ad valorem levies or special assessments.
2. That the County of Oneida hereby authorizes and enacts an exemption from real property taxation for qualified real property owned by a Cold War veteran or the spouse of such veteran or the unremarried surviving spouse based on ten percent of its assessed value.
3. As used in this local law, the term "Cold War veteran" shall mean persons who served on active duty with the United States armed forces during time period from September 2, 1945 to December 26, 1991 and who were discharged or released therefrom under honorable conditions.
4. That to obtain such Cold War veterans exemption, the real property must be the primary residence of the veteran or his unremarried surviving spouse.
5. That, if a Cold War veteran already receives an eligible funds veterans exemption pursuant to Real Property Tax Law Section 458 or an alternative veterans exemption pursuant to Real Property Tax Law Section 458-a, then such veteran may not also receive the Cold War veterans exemption provided for in this Local Law.
6. In the event that an eligible veteran has received a service-connected disability rating from the Veteran's Administration or the Department of Defense, there shall be an additional exemption which is equal to one-half the disability rating, multiplied by the assessed value of the property.

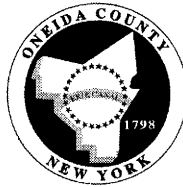
7. The Cold War veterans exemption provided for herein shall be limited to 10 years in duration, except that there is no time limit for the disability portion of the exemption, and must be applied for with local assessors on or before the taxable status date of such town or city.

8. This local law shall take effect immediately in accordance with Section 20, 21 and 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

APPROVED: Courts, Laws and Rules Committee ()
 Ways & Means Committee ()

DATED:

Adopted by the following roll call vote:
AYES___NAYS___ABSENT___



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Honorable Anthony J. Picente, Jr.
Oneida County Executive
800 Park Avenue
Utica, New York 13501

Dear County Executive Picente:

I am forwarding communication from Commissioner of Social Services, Lucille A. Soldato, requesting to create one (1) new Competitive position in Account, A6015, Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP). Commissioner Soldato is requesting a Social Welfare Examiner, Grade W17, Step 1 \$21,749.

Due to the continued expansion of this energy assistance program and the increased complexity in the review and approval of more than 15,000 applications annually, it has become necessary to add a full time position to this unit. This position will be 100% supported by federal HEAP administrative funds with no additional local cost.

Therefore, I recommend the creation of one (1) Social Welfare Examiner position (Grade W17, Step 1 \$21,749) to Department of Social Services, HEAP (Cost Center 6015).

If you concur, I respectfully request this recommendation be forward to the Board of Legislators for their consideration and action.

Sincerely,

Paulette Z. Nickerson
Commissioner of Personnel

Copy: County Attorney
Social Services
Budget

Reviewed and Approved for submittal to the
Oneida County Board of Legislators by

Anthony J. Picente, Jr.
County Executive

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Anthony J. Picente Jr.
County Executive

Lucille A. Soldato
Commissioner



Oneida County Department of Social Services
Office of Commissioner Lucille A. Soldato
County Office Building
800 Park Ave.
Utica, NY 13501

June 20, 2008

Paulette Nickerson
Commissioner of Personnel
Oneida County

Dear Paulette:

The Home Energy Assistance Program {HEAP} was established by the State and Federal governments in 1981. This program originally would open in mid-November and would close in May however the furnace repair/replacement portion of the program was available all year. The program was staffed by 1 full time worker who supervised the temporary social welfare examiner and clerk staffs in both Utica and Rome.

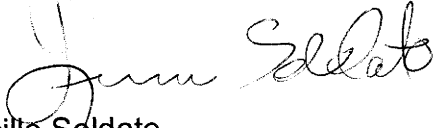
In 2003 the state began to open the HEAP Program on November 1st and would close it in the latter part of May. The state also began to send out mail in applications on a staggered basis to anyone that had received HEAP in the previous year that was considered disabled, had an individual over the age of 60 in the household or who had children in the household. The department is required by the state to process these mail in applications within 30 days of receiving them. The mail in applications need to be completed prior to the opening of the HEAP season simply due to the volume of applications we receive. The department received 4,413 mail in applications and also had 11,394 walk in applications for 2006-2007.

As this program has continued to expand in the number of applications it has also become more complex and requires internet authorization for some of our utility providers. As there is presently only 1 full time staff I believe it would be prudent due to both program changes and the volume of applications to create an additional full time social welfare examiner staff position to assist both the Utica and Rome offices. This position could assist throughout the year with the furnace replacement /repair component, the mail in applications that are received each year and the training of the temporary staff that are hired each year to staff this program.

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I am requesting 1 additional social welfare examiner position to be created in account A6015.101 at a starting salary of \$21,749 .This position would be fully supported by HEAP administrative funds; there would be no local cost for this position.

Sincerely



Lucille Soldato
Commissioner
Oneida County Department of Social Services

Reviewed and Approved for submittal to the
Oneida County Board of Legislators by

Anthony J. Piacente, Jr.
County Executive

Date _____