

Superstorm Sandy Assessment Relief Law is Adopted by Town Board

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New law sponsored by Supervisor Romaine will provide tax relief for storm victims

Farmingville, NY - On December 3, the Brookhaven Town Board voted unanimously after a public hearing, to adopt a new law entitled "Superstorm Sandy Assessment Relief." Sponsored by Supervisor Ed Romaine, the legislation allows the Town's Sole Assessor to retroactively reassess properties damaged by Superstorm Sandy for the 2012-2013 tax bill.

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The Town law is in accordance with the Superstorm Sandy Assessment Relief Act which was recently adopted by New York State and Suffolk County. The State Law allows municipalities outside of New York City that were declared a FEMA disaster area, to provide property tax reductions for homes and businesses that were damaged or destroyed by Superstorm Sandy from October 29 through November 3 of 2012. To receive relief, residential or business property owners must submit a completed application and supporting documentation to the Town Assessor located at Brookhaven Town Hall, One Independence Hill, Farmingville, NY 11738. The deadline for a property owner to apply for assessment relief is January 21, 2014.

Supervisor Romaine said, "So many people were affected by Superstorm Sandy and even after a year later, some are still unable to return to their homes or businesses. It's only right that we help them recover and rebuild by easing their tax burden so they can get back on their feet and on with their lives."

The Town of Brookhaven's assessment relief is in accordance with the following schedule:

<u>% Loss of Improved Value</u>	<u>& of Reduction in Assessed Value Attributable to Improvements</u>
At least 10% but less than 20%	15%
At least 20% but less than 30%	25%
At least 30% but less than 40%	35%
At least 40% but less than 50%	45%
At least 50% but less than 60%	55%
At least 60% but less than 70%	65%
At least 70% but less than 80%	75%
At least 80% but less than 90%	85%
At least 90% but less than 100%	95%

For a summary of the New York State Superstorm Sandy Assessment Relief Act or to fill out the online application, visit www.tax.ny.gov. For more information about how to apply for the Superstorm Sandy Assessment Relief program, please call the Town Assessor's office at 631-451-6300 or visit www.brookhaven.org.

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