COUNTY OF SUFFOLK



TO: All Title, Abstract Companies and Interested Parties

FROM: Christopher Como, Esq., Sen. Official Examiner of Title, Anna Curella, Senior Deputy Clerk

DATE: 3/10/23

RE: CPF Tax Rate & Allowance Changes

Pursuant to recent changes in New York Tax Law 1449-BB and local town codes in East Hampton, Shelter Island, Southampton and Southold, several changes will be occurring with regard to the assessment and collection of the Peconic Bay Community Preservation Fund Tax (CPF).

Effective on all deed recordings subject to the CPF Tax occurring on or after April 1, 2023, certain allowances have increased and in certain circumstances have been eliminated.

With the exception of Riverhead, whose allowance and 2% rate will remain unchanged, all towns within the Peconic Bay Region will increase its allowance for improved properties for conveyances under a certain consideration amount. Allowances for transactions over \$2,000,000.00 (two million dollars) are eliminated as well. The tax rate will increase from 2% to 2.5%.

A new form will be issued prior to April 1, 2023. An updated form will be found on our website www.suffolkclerk.com once ready.

Where a contract for the sale of property was entered into *prior* to April 1, 2023 but the deed will be recorded *on or after* April 1, 2023, the parties may elected to utilize the old allowances and 2% rate by attaching a copy of the sales contract dated prior to April 1, 2023 with the CPF form when recording.

Below is the new allowance breakdown effective 4/1/23:

East Hampton- \$400,000.00- Improved \$100,000.00 Vacant (Unimproved) *No exemption on conveyances greater than \$2,000,000.00.*

Shelter Island- \$400,000.00- Improved \$100,000.00 Vacant (Unimproved) *No exemption on conveyances greater than* \$2,000,000.00.

Southampton- \$400,000.00- Improved \$100,000.00 Vacant (Unimproved) *No exemption on conveyances greater than \$2,000,000.00.*

Riverhead- \$150,000.00- Improved \$75,000.00 Vacant (Unimproved)

Southold- \$200,000.00- Improved \$75,000.00 Vacant (Unimproved) *No exemption on conveyances greater than* \$2,000,000.00.

Please forward all questions to Christopher.Como@SuffolkCountyNY.gov

Peconic Bay Region Community Preservation Fund

Proceeds of this transfer tax are disbursed to the Townships in which the transaction takes place for its acquisition of land, development rights, and other interests in property for conservation purposes.

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Schedule C - (continued) Part II - Explanation of Exemption Claimed in Part I, line 1 (check any boxes that apply)				
The conveyance of real property is exempt from the real estate transfer tax for the following reason:				
a. Conveyance is to the United Nations, the United States of America, the state of New York or any of their instrumentalities, agencies or political subdivisions (or any public corporation, including a public corporation created pursuant to agreement or compact with another state or Canada)				
b. Conveyance is to secure a debt or other obligation				
c. Conveyance is without additional consideration to confirm, correct, modify or supplement a prior conveyance				
d. Conveyance of real property is without consideration and not in connection with a sale, including conveyances conveying realty as bona fide gifts				
e. Conveyance is given in connection with a tax sale				
f. Conveyance is mere change of identity or form of ownership or organization where there is no change in beneficial ownership. (This exemption cannot be claimed for a conveyance to a cooperative housing corporation of real property comprising the cooperative dwelling or dwellings.)				
g. Conveyance consists of deed of partition				
h. Conveyance is given pursuant to the federal bankruptcy act				
i. Conveyance consists of the execution of a contract to sell real property without the use or occupancy of such property or the granting of an option to purchase real property without the use or occupancy of such property				
j. Conveyance or real property which is subject to restrictions which prohibit the use of the entire property for any purposes except agriculture, recreation or conservation, pursuant to Section 1449-ee (2) (j) or (k) of Article 31-D of the Tax Law. (See required Town approval, below)				
k. Conveyance of real property for open space, parks, or historic preservation purposes to any not-for-profit tax exempt corporation operated for conservation, environmental, or historic preservation purposes.				
I. Other list explanations in space below (Grandfather/Contract)				
m. Conveyance of real property as a primary residence where the grantee is a first-time homebuyer (attached approved application)				
n. Conveyance of real property to a tax exempt, not-for-profit corporation for the purpose of providing affordable housing.				
o. The conveyance is approved for an exemption from the Community Preservation Transfer Tax, under Section 1449-ee of Article 31-D of the Tax law. (See j in Schedule C)				
Town Attorney or other designated official				
Penalties and Interest Penalties Any grantor or grantee failing to file a return or to pay any tax within the time required shall be subject to a penalty of 10% of the amount of tax due plus an interest penalty of 2% of such amount of each month of delay or fraction thereof after the expiration of the first month after such return was required to be filed or the tax became due. However, the interest penalty shall not exceed 25% in the aggregate. Interest Daily compounded interest will be charged on the amount of tax due not paid within the time required.	the the			
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