

Tax Abatement Ordinance

Section 1

Policy and Purpose

The Town of Somers declares that the abatement, in part or in whole, of real property taxes on housing solely for low or moderate income persons or families serves a desirable public interest. Therefore, it is the intent and purpose of this ordinance to provide for such tax abatements, pursuant to CGS 8-215, under such conditions and circumstances as may be provided herein.

Section II

Applicability

- a. The Board of Selectmen of the Town of Somers may designate housing, which in its sole determination, is being used solely for low or moderate income persons or families, as provided in CGS 8-215.
- b. Upon determination and after request by the owner of said housing, the Board of Selectmen may abate in part or in whole the real property taxes on such housing.
- c. Such tax abatement shall be used for one or more of the following purposes: to reduce rents below the levels which would be achieved in the absence of such abatement, to improve the quality and design of such housing, to effect occupancy of such housing by persons and families of varying income levels within limits determined by the Commissioner of the Department of Economic Development by regulation, or to provide necessary related facilities or services in such housing. Such abatement shall be made pursuant to a contract between the Town and the owner of any such housing, which contract shall provide the terms of such abatement, that moneys equal to the amount of such abatement shall be used for any one or more of the purposes stated in this chapter, and that such abatement shall terminate at any time when such housing is not solely for low or moderate income persons or families.
- d. This Ordinance shall apply to real property owned, managed or operated by the Somers Housing Authority or in which the Somers Housing Authority has a legal interest.

Board of Selectmen

David A. Pinney, First Selectman
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Adopted Special Board of Selectmen
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