

**CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK
COMMON COUNCIL
RECORD OF VOTE**

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Johnson

 Sec'd by Ald. Green

 Date of Adoption 08.16.22

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NAMES	AYES	NOES	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ald. Tobin	X			
Ald. Jean-Francois	X			
Ald. Johnson	X			
Ald. Ramkissoon	X			
Ald. Kleiner	x			
Ald. Green	X			
Ald. Witt	X			
Ald. Masi				X
Pres. Rodrigues	X			
TOTAL	8			1

LOCAL LAW #6 OF 2022

A LOCAL LAW UPDATING THE COMMISSIONER OF ASSESSMENT CHARTER PROVISIONS

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIDDLETOWN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Purpose of this Enactment.

The purpose of this enactment is to update the Charter provisions applicable to the office of the City Commissioner of Assessment and Taxation.

Section 2. Section 11 of the Charter of the City of Middletown is hereby amended to read as follows:

§11. All officers elected or appointed under this Charter, except Mayor, Aldermen, City Judge, Chief of Police, Corporation Counsel, Commissioner of Public Works, Deputy Commissioners of Public Works, Commissioner of Assessment and Taxation, City Clerk, Registrar and Clerk of the Common Council, Treasurer, Members of the Board of Health and Civil Service employees, shall hold offices for one (1) year, and until their successors shall qualify.

Section 3. Section 59 of the Charter of the City of Middletown is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 59. The Commissioner of Assessment and Taxation shall be a full-time employee of the City of Middletown and shall serve a six (6) year term pursuant to the provisions of Section 310 of the New York Real Property Tax Law. The Commissioner shall be the head of the Department of Assessment and Taxation. He or she may appoint and for cause remove such employees as he/she deems necessary for the proper conduct of the business of his/her office, provided that the position has been authorized and the salary thereof fixed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment. The Commissioner shall possess all the powers conferred upon, be subject to all the obligations imposed upon and perform all the duties pertaining to the office of assessor in the towns of this State, except as otherwise provided by law. He/She shall value all real estate in the City on one common and general principle of valuation which shall apply to all real estate assessed within the City, including improved and unimproved property. In the case of improved property the land shall be valued separately by the Commissioner and such separate valuation and the aggregate valuation of the whole property shall be entered and appear in separate columns upon the assessment roll. When there are two or more houses on one lot, the valuation of each shall be shown. The Commissioner shall keep a record of all transfers of real estate in the city. He/She shall assess the value of personal property in the name of the owner thereof. He/She shall continuously revise and correct the assessment map. He/She shall keep an accurate index of the assessment roll as the same appears from year to year and shall note thereon the changes in the assessments as the same are made with the dates thereof. He/She shall publish and issue prior to grievance day each year in pamphlet form for general distribution the assessment-roll as completed by him/her showing a tabulated comparison with the assessments of the two preceding years. But no error in such pamphlet shall invalidate any assessment or tax levied thereunder.

Section 3. Severability.

If the provisions of any article, section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision or clause of this Local Law shall be judged invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such order of judgment shall not affect or invalidate the remainder of any article, section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision or clause of this Local Law.

Section 4. Effective Date.

This Local Law shall be effective upon filing with the Secretary of State.