



The City of Poughkeepsie New York

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Welcome to new home owners,

Congratulations on the purchase of property here in the City of Poughkeepsie. If you're new to the City – Welcome! We hope your life here will exceed your expectations.

By now, you're probably settled in, but if you have questions about City services or when the Common Council meets, please call the City Chamberlain's Office at 451-4200. I have enclosed a list of the current Council Members.

My office is also here to serve you. As part of our effort to do that, you will find enclosed both a STAR Exemption application and a property information sheet that I hope you will complete and return to my office by **March 1**. The STAR Exemption is available for owner-occupied properties. If you meet the criteria and file **your application by March 1**, you will receive a school tax exemption. A listing of the information you'll need to supply along with your application is included on the sheet labeled "STAR Requirements".

In addition to STAR, other exemption programs are available for qualifying Veterans, low-income Senior Citizens, active and retired Clergy, and for certain properties situated in an economic development zone or having historic significance. If you need more information on any of these programs, please call my office.

As part of our effort to maintain an accurate and fair assessment roll, we also ask that you complete the Homeowner Data Form. It will help ensure that you're not being unfairly assessed and taxed.

Finally, please feel free to stop by our office, which is located on the second floor of City Hall. We're here 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Monday through Friday. We'll be happy to show you whatever information we have on your property. You can look up recent sales in the City and other information you might find useful.

In the meantime, please remember to complete the STAR Application and the Data form and return them to my office by **March 1**.

Thank you very much! If you have any questions, please give us a call.

Very truly yours,

John Taylor

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