
Subject:

FW: Ordinance 2016-16 and 2016-24

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Hi Johni,

Please share the following with the Mayor and Assembly:

Dear Mayor and Assembly,

I support Ordinance 2016-24 to phase out the optional senior citizen exemption. This is not an attack on seniors; it is a reasonable proposal to help pay for borough services while still allowing a generous \$150,000 exemption for seniors.

A provision to accommodate financial hardship would alleviate concerns that seniors might be forced to sell if they can't afford to pay the tax.

I also support Ordinance 2016=16 to increase the maximum amount of sale subject to borough sales tax to \$1000.00.

State and Federal funding will continue to be reduced or eliminated and the KPB needs to be proactive in order to continue to support education and provide necessary services.

I also support a borough-wide 4% bed tax. Seward and a few other communities have a bed tax; this would level the competitive city vs borough lodging businesses while raising needed revenue for the borough.

Visitors expect to pay this tax and it is not a deal-breaker for their vacation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Carol Griswold
Seward