



LEGISLATIVE BRANCH CITY OF BINGHAMTON

William Berg, City Council President
Jeremy Pelletier, City Clerk

MINUTES

City Council Business Meeting
Council Chambers, 38 Hawley Street, Binghamton, N.Y.
Wednesday May 6, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

Called to order by Council President Berg at 6:30pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council President Berg led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Jerry Motsavage, Joseph Mihalko, Teri Rennia, Lea Webb, Chris Papastrat, John Matzo, Bill Berg

Absent: None

Also in attendance: Jeremy Pelletier, City Clerk; Kenneth J. Frank, Corporation Counsel

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes from the Business Meeting held Wednesday April 22, 2015.

Moved by Motsavage, seconded by Webb.

Voice vote, none opposed.

Motion to approve the minutes from the Municipal and Public Affairs Committee meeting held on Monday April 22, 2015.

Moved by Webb, seconded by Motsavage.

Voice vote, none opposed.

Councilwoman Webb noted for the record that the Municipal and Public Affairs Committee will hold a meeting on **Monday May 18th at 5:00pm** regarding the proposed police modernization law. The meeting will take place in the City Council Chambers, 38 Hawley Street, Binghamton, NY.

Councilwoman Webb noted for the record that the Binghamton City Council Employees Committee will hold a meeting on **Monday June 1st at 5:00pm** to review training procedures and the City's sexual harassment policy. The meeting will take place in the City Council Work Room, located through the City Clerk's Office on the first floor of City Hall, 38 Hawley Street, Binghamton, NY.

SET PUBLIC HEARING

City Clerk Pelletier noted for the record that The Council of the City of Binghamton will hold a public hearing during the regular City Council Business Meeting held on May 20, 2015, concerning the abandonment of Water Street Public right of Way as public property. This meeting will be held in the City Council Chambers located at 38 Hawley Street, Binghamton, New York. For more information, please contact the City Clerk by phone at (607) 772-7005, or by email at clerk@cityofbinghamton.com.

Note: Notice of this public hearing will be published in the Press & Sun Bulletin on May 15, 2015.



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PUBLIC HEARING

Introductory Ordinance 15-25. Considered in Planning and Community Development, Chair: Webb

An Ordinance authorizing the abandonment of Flynn Avenue as a public street".

Note: Notice of this public hearing was published in the Press & Sun Bulletin on May 1, 2015.

In Favor: None

Opposed: None

Introductory Local Law 15-1. Considered in Municipal and Public Affairs, Chair: Renna

A Local Law requesting Home Rule from New York State regarding the Homestead Tax Option as it relates to Cooperative Apartments at 5 Riverside Drive and 4 Oak Street".

Note: Notice of this public hearing was published in the Press & Sun Bulletin on May 1, 2015.

In Favor: Charles Westgate, Gail Reader, Edward Gent, ¹Paul Cirba, John Solak, ³Douglas & Betsy Johnson, ⁴Ellyn Green, ⁵Robert McGuinness, ⁶Genevieve Orzelek, ⁷Marilyn Murray, ⁸Annetta Cobb, ⁹Cyndi Paddick, ¹⁰Marcia Shumon, ¹¹Joan Preisendanz, ¹²Joan Budd, ¹³Marilyn Cashman, ¹⁴David and Barbara Menichello, ¹⁵Fran Sternberg, ¹⁶Elizabeth Graham, ¹⁷Phyllis Casey, ¹⁸Caroline Moppert, ¹⁹Jean Mincolla, ²⁰The Lordens, ²¹Mr. and Mrs. Ohn McRory, ²²Ricard Richberg, ²³Lola Basos, ²⁴Wayne Ivy, ²⁵Elizabeth Gilbert, ²⁶David Goldstein, ²⁷Adela Fanjul, ²⁸Marcella Swartz, ²⁹Virginia McCormack, ³⁰Suzanne Thornton, ³¹Ruth Goldstein, ³²Patrica Kadlecik, ³³James and Patricia Corby, ³⁴Philip and Carol Cali, ³⁵Peggy Naismith, ³⁶Maxine and Marvin Kaplan, ³⁷Phyllis Kacmarik, ³⁸Robert DeVente, ³⁹Gerald and Colette Wickham, ⁴⁰Patricia Raymond, ⁴¹Shirley MacElhone, ⁴²Mr. Hendery, ⁴³Beverly Comstock, ⁴⁴Janet Landow, ⁴⁵Gail Reader, ⁴⁶George Hunsey, ⁴⁷Susumu Narita, ⁴⁸Judy Lwining, ⁴⁹Urane and Lee Colvill, ⁵⁰Donald Rogers, ⁵¹Leonard and Ellen Shaw, ⁵²Maureen Walsh, ⁵³Ann Bronsky, ⁵⁴Norman Mahoney, ⁵⁵Bianca Podesta, ⁵⁶Brenda Margolis, ⁵⁷Eugene Strope, ⁵⁸Esther Sabol, ⁵⁹Charles Westgate, ⁶⁰James Gialanella, ⁶¹Roslyn Jay, ⁶²Edward Evans, ⁶³Gerard Chuculate, ⁶⁴Marie Saccento, ⁶⁵Herbert Landow, ⁶⁶Jacqueline Ford,

Opposed: None

¹Motion to allow Paul Cirba, a resident of the Town of Fenton, to speak during the public hearing
Moved by Webb, seconded by Motsavage.

Voice vote, none opposed.

PUBLIC COMMENT/COMMUNICATIONS

John Solak, ²James Michalec, Tarik Abdelazim, Barry Kaufman, Mona Shavelle, Sharon Nieminski, David Sheriko, Cory Ray, Richard Motenkorf, Shawn Stevenson, Dan Livingston

²Motion to allow James Michalec, a resident of the Village of Johnson City, to speak during public comment.
Moved by Webb, seconded by Papastrat.

Voice vote, none opposed.

³ Letter from Douglas & Betsy Johnson dated April 8, 2015 supporting the change of tax classification for 4 Oak Street.

⁴Letter from Ellyn Green dated April 9, 2015 supporting the change of tax classification for 4 Oak Street.

⁵Letter from Robert McGuinness dated April 7, 2015 supporting the change of tax classification for 4 Oak Street.

⁶Letter from Genevieve Orzelek dated May 6, 2015 supporting the change of tax classification for 5 Riverside Towers.

⁷Letter from Marilyn Murray dated April 6, 2015 supporting the change of tax classification for 4 Oak Street.

⁸Letter from Annetta Cobb dated April 13, 2015 supporting the change of tax classification for 4 Oak Street.

⁹Email from Cyndi Paddick dated April 19, 2015 supporting the change of tax classification for 4 Oak Street.

¹⁰Email from Marcia Shumon dated April 20, 2015 supporting the change of tax classification for 5 Riverside Towers.



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- ¹¹Letter from Joan Preisendanz dated April 22, 2015 supporting the change of tax classification for 5 Riverside Towers.
- ¹²Letter from Joan Budd dated April 22, 2015 supporting the change of tax classification for 5 Riverside Towers.
- ¹³Letter from Marilyn Cashman dated April 22, 2015 supporting the change of tax classification for 5 Riverside Towers.
- ¹⁴Letter from David and Barbara Menichello dated April 22, 2015 supporting the change of tax classification for 5 Riverside Towers.
- ¹⁵Letter from Fran Sternberg dated April 22, 2015 supporting the change of tax classification for 5 Riverside Towers.
- ¹⁶Letter from Elizabeth Graham dated April 22, 2015 supporting the change of tax classification for 5 Riverside Towers.
- ¹⁷Letter from Phyllis Casey dated April 22, 2015 supporting the change of tax classification for 5 Riverside Towers.
- ¹⁸Letter from Caroline Moppert dated April 22, 2015 supporting the change of tax classification for 5 Riverside Towers.
- ¹⁹Letter from Jean Mincolla dated April 22, 2015 supporting the change of tax classification for 5 Riverside Towers.
- ²⁰Letter from The Lordens dated April 22, 2015 supporting the change of tax classification for 5 Riverside Towers.
- ²¹Letter from Mr. and Mrs. John McRory dated April 22, 2015 supporting the change of tax classification for 5 Riverside Towers.
- ²²Letter from Richard Richberg dated April 22, 2015 supporting the change of tax classification for 5 Riverside Towers.
- ²³Letter from Lola Basos dated April 22, 2015 supporting the change of tax classification for 5 Riverside Towers.
- ²⁴Letter from Wayne Ivy dated April 22, 2015 supporting the change of tax classification for 5 Riverside Towers.
- ²⁵Letter from Elizabeth Gilbert dated April 22, 2015 supporting the change of tax classification for 5 Riverside Towers.
- ²⁶Letter from David Goldstein dated April 22, 2015 supporting the change of tax classification for 5 Riverside Towers.
- ²⁷Letter from Adela Fanjul dated April 22, 2015 supporting the change of tax classification for 5 Riverside Towers.
- ²⁸Letter from Marcella Swartz dated April 22, 2015 supporting the change of tax classification for 5 Riverside Towers.
- ²⁹Letter from Virginia McCormack dated April 22, 2015 supporting the change of tax classification for 5 Riverside Towers.
- ³⁰Letter from Suzanne Thornton dated April 22, 2015 supporting the change of tax classification for 5 Riverside Towers.
- ³¹Letter from Ruth Goldstein dated April 22, 2015 supporting the change of tax classification for 5 Riverside Towers.
- ³²Letter from Patricia Kadlecik dated April 22, 2015 supporting the change of tax classification for 5 Riverside Towers.
- ³³Letter from James and Patricia Corby dated April 22, 2015 supporting the change of tax classification for 5 Riverside Towers.
- ³⁴Letter from Philip and Carol Cali dated April 22, 2015 supporting the change of tax classification for 5 Riverside Towers.
- ³⁵Letter from Peggy Naismith dated April 22, 2015 supporting the change of tax classification for 5 Riverside Towers.
- ³⁶Letter from Maxine and Marvin Kaplan dated April 22, 2015 supporting the change of tax classification for 5 Riverside Towers.
- ³⁷Letter from Phyllis Kacmarik dated April 22, 2015 supporting the change of tax classification for 5 Riverside Towers.
- ³⁸Letter from Robert deVente dated April 22, 2015 supporting the change of tax classification for 5 Riverside Towers.
- ³⁹Letter from Gerald and Colette Wickham dated April 22, 2015 supporting the change of tax classification for 5 Riverside Towers.
- ⁴⁰Letter from Patricia Raymond dated April 22, 2015 supporting the change of tax classification for 5 Riverside Towers.
- ⁴¹Letter from Shirley MacElhone dated April 22, 2015 supporting the change of tax classification for 5 Riverside Towers.
- ⁴²Letter from Mr. Hendery dated April 22, 2015 supporting the change of tax classification for 5 Riverside Towers.
- ⁴³Letter from Beverly Comstock dated April 22, 2015 supporting the change of tax classification for 5 Riverside Towers.
- ⁴⁴Letter from Janet Landow dated April 22, 2015 supporting the change of tax classification for 5 Riverside Towers.
- ⁴⁵Letter from Gail Reader dated April 22, 2015 supporting the change of tax classification for 5 Riverside Towers.
- ⁴⁶Letter from George Husney dated April 22, 2015 supporting the change of tax classification for 5 Riverside Towers.
- ⁴⁷Letter from Susumu Narita dated April 22, 2015 supporting the change of tax classification for 5 Riverside Towers.
- ⁴⁸Letter from Judy Lwining dated April 22, 2015 supporting the change of tax classification for 5 Riverside Towers.
- ⁴⁹Letter from Urane and Lee Colvill dated April 22, 2015 supporting the change of tax classification for 5 Riverside Towers.



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- ⁵⁰Letter from Donald Rogers dated April 22, 2015 supporting the change of tax classification for 5 Riverside Towers.
- ⁵¹Letter from Leonard and Ellen Shaw dated April 22, 2015 supporting the change of tax classification for 5 Riverside Towers.
- ⁵²Letter from Maureen Walsh dated April 22, 2015 supporting the change of tax classification for 5 Riverside Towers.
- ⁵³Letter from Ann Bronsky dated April 22, 2015 supporting the change of tax classification for 5 Riverside Towers.
- ⁵⁴Letter from Norman Mahoney dated April 22, 2015 supporting the change of tax classification for 5 Riverside Towers.
- ⁵⁵Letter from Bianca Podesta dated April 22, 2015 supporting the change of tax classification for 5 Riverside Towers.
- ⁵⁶Letter from Brenda Margolis dated April 22, 2015 supporting the change of tax classification for 5 Riverside Towers.
- ⁵⁷Letter from Eugene Strope dated April 22, 2015 supporting the change of tax classification for 5 Riverside Towers.
- ⁵⁸Letter from Esther Sabol dated April 22, 2015 supporting the change of tax classification for 5 Riverside Towers.
- ⁵⁹Letter from Charles Westgate dated April 22, 2015 supporting the change of tax classification for 5 Riverside Towers.
- ⁶⁰Letter from James Gialanella dated April 22, 2015 supporting the change of tax classification for 5 Riverside Towers.
- ⁶¹Letter from Roslyn Jay dated April 22, 2015 supporting the change of tax classification for 5 Riverside Towers.
- ⁶²Letter from Edward Evans dated April 22, 2015 supporting the change of tax classification for 5 Riverside Towers.
- ⁶³Letter from Gerard Chuculate dated April 22, 2015 supporting the change of tax classification for 5 Riverside Towers.
- ⁶⁴Letter from Marie Saccento dated April 22, 2015 supporting the change of tax classification for 5 Riverside Towers.
- ⁶⁵Letter from Herbert Landow dated April 22, 2015 supporting the change of tax classification for 5 Riverside Towers.
- ⁶⁶Letter from Jacqueline Ford dated April 22, 2015 supporting the change of tax classification for 5 Riverside Towers.

FIRST READING LEGISLATION

Introductory Ordinance 15-26. Considered in Planning and Community Development, Chair: Webb

An Ordinance authorizing the sale of 177 Oak Street to John and Alberta Casey for \$3,000

Motion to approve legislation. Moved by Webb, seconded by Motsavage.

Motion carried. Legislation adopted as Permanent Ordinance 15-25. (Vote 5-0-2)

Ayes: Motsavage, Mihalko, Webb, Papastrat, Berg

Nays: None

Absent: Rennia, Matzo

Introductory Resolution 15-50. Considered in Municipal and Public Affairs, Chair: Rennia

A Resolution authorizing an agreement with the Binghamton-Johnson City Joint Sewage Treatment Board for emergency confined space rescue

Motion to approve legislation. Moved by Webb, seconded by Motsavage.

Motion carried. Legislation adopted as Permanent Resolution 15-50. (Vote 5-0-2)

Ayes: Motsavage, Mihalko, Webb, Papastrat, Berg

Nays: None

Absent: Rennia, Matzo

COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL

Webb, Mihalko, Rennia, Matzo, Papastrat, Motsavage, Berg

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 8:01pm.

Moved by Webb, seconded by Motsavage.

Voice vote, none opposed.

Pelletier, Jeremy

From: Keri Hagar [donotreply@wordpress.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 23, 2015 3:21 AM
To: Pelletier, Jeremy; Bill Berg - external; Kraham, Jared; johnmatzo6thdistrict@gmail.com; cpapastrat1@gmail.com; Mihalko, Joseph; Martinez, Tito
Subject: Say No to David's Dead End - Please Read This Into the Record

Name: Keri Hagar

Email: ksned1@aol.com

Binghamton Street Address: <http://Keri'sSalon&Spa163WashingtonStSuiteC>

Comment: Regardless of what the decision ends up being someone needs to do something with the courtyard. You cannot leave it in the destructed state it is in now. It has absolutely killed the business at 163 Washington St. The courtyard was fine the way it was other than needing a few benches replaced, it now looks like a concrete wasteland.

Time: 04/23/2015 at 3:21 am

IP Address: 68.70.17.27

Contact Form URL: <https://halfmillionbinghamton.wordpress.com/take-action/>

Sent by an unverified visitor to your site.

April 22, 2015

Berghamton City Council
Jeremy Peltier, City Clerk
Berghamton City Hall
38 Hawley Street, First Floor
Berghamton, N.Y. 13901

Dear Member of the
Berghamton City Council,

Please hear my concern
re: The Non-Homestead Tax
which takes additional
taxes from property owners
at 5 Riverside Towers,
since I have lived at
this address over 30 years
I want to continue to
live here.

I request your support
to change the tax law that
will reduce the property
tax rate. Thank you.
Sincerely, D. J. ...

APRIL 20, 2015

BINGHAMTON CITY COUNCIL
JEREMY PELLETIER, CITY CLERK
BINGHAMTON CITY HALL
38 HAWLEY STREET, FIRST FLOOR
BINGHAMTON, NY 13901

DEAR MEMBER OF THE BINGHAMTON CITY COUNCIL:

I HAVE BEEN A RESIDENT OF FIVE RIVERSIDE TOWERS SINCE 2012, AND I APPRECIATE THE SAFE AND MAINTENANCE-FREE ENVIRONMENT OF THE BUILDING.

MY HUSBAND PASSED OCTOBER 2014, AS OWNER OF THIS APT. WE PAID ADDITIONAL PROPERTY AND SCHOOL TAX, DUE TO THE NON-HOMESTEAD TAX. THIS IS MY ONLY RESIDENCE AND I QUALIFY FOR "STAR" AND FEDERAL DEDUCTIONS FOR INTEREST AND PROPERTY TAX.

I BELIEVE THE ADDITIONAL TAX IS UNFAIR AND I ASK YOUR SUPPORT SEEKING A TAX LAW THAT WILL REDUCE MY PROPERTY TAX RATE.

RESPECTFULLY,

Adela Fanjul



Ann E. Bronsky
5 Riverside Drive, Apt. 107
Binghamton, NY 13905

APRIL 21, 2015

BINGHAMTON CITY COUNCIL

JEREMY PELLETIER, CITY CLERK

BINGHAMTON CITY HALL

38 HAWLEY STREET, FIRST FLOOR

BINGHAMTON, NY 13901

DEAR MEMBER OF THE BINGHAMTON CITY COUNCIL:

I HAVE BEEN A RESIDENT OF FIVE RIVERSIDE TOWERS SINCE 1998. I GREATLY APPRECIATE THE SAFE AND MAINTENANCE-FREE ENVIRONMENT OF MY BUILDING.

AS AN OWNER, I PAY AN ADDITIONAL PROPERTY AND SCHOOL TAX AS A RESULT OF THE NON-HOMESTEAD TAX. SINCE THIS IS MY PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE, I QUALIFY FOR STAR AND FEDERAL DEDUCTIONS FOR INTEREST AND PROPERTY TAX. IN ALL OTHER RESPECTS, EXCEPT FOR BINGHAMTON'S NON-HOMESTEAD TAX, I AM TREATED LIKE A SINGLE FAMILY OWNER.

I BELIEVE THAT THE ADDITIONAL TAX IS UNFAIR, AND I AM WRITING TO ASK YOUR SUPPORT IN SEEKING A CHANGE IN THE TAX LAW THAT WILL GIVE ME A REDUCED PROPERTY TAX RATE.

SINCERELY,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ann E. Bronsky". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and address.

ANN E. BRONSKY

FIVE RIVERSIDE TOWERS

4/15/2015

Binghamton City Council
Binghamton City Hall
38 Hawley Street, 1st Floor
Binghamton, NY 13901

ATTENTION: Jeremy Pelletier, City Clerk

Dear Mr. Pelletier

I have lived at Five Riverside Towers since August 2011, shortly before the flood. Although the flood certainly was not my primary reason for moving to The Towers, it gave me a sense of safety and comfort knowing my residence was out of harms way.

I am semi-retired and enjoy living in near proximity to downtown Binghamton, a city filled with entertainment, arts, shopping, banking, and medical care which I, as a septuagenarian, need close to my home.

I understand that since I live at The Towers, I am paying a higher tax rate than if I were to be living in a house due to the Non-Homestead tax. This higher taxing is prejudicial since this is my home. Simply because I choose to live in a condominium, why must I be subjected to a higher tax rate. It seems both unfair and discriminatory that semi-permanent residents such as students have a housing cost reflective of a lower tax rate while permanent residents (many of whom are on fixed incomes) have a higher housing cost reflective of a commercial tax rate.

I am writing to request that the Binghamton City Council support our appeal for a change in the tax laws to give us the same taxing level with other residential homes.

Very truly yours


Beverly Comstock

April 16, 2015

Brighamton City Council
Jeremy Pelletier, City Clerk
Brighamton City Hall
38 Hawley St., 1st Floor
Brighamton, N.Y. 13901

Dear Member of the Brighamton City Council,

I am a single retired United Methodist minister. Riverside Towers has been my home since 2007. I chose the Towers because of its security, good location, and the health benefits of pool & exercise room.

When I learned about the Non-Homestead tax and the cost to me and other resident-owners this week, I was encouraged to learn also that you, with the City Council, are working to change the tax law. (Had I no available income from savings, I could not afford to live here.) I would greatly appreciate, as would our many other older resident-owners, a reduction in our property tax.

Sincerely,

Bianca Podesta

Bianca Podesta
5 Riverside Drive, Apt. 604
Brighamton, NY 13905

April 17, 2015

City Clerk J. Pelletier
Binghamton City Council
38 Hawley Street
Binghamton, NY 13901

Dear City Council Member:

I am a widow who has lived at 5 Riverside Dr. for 14 years. Our building is a well maintained place, both inside and out which enhances the neighborhood around us. The neighborhood has changed and not for the better. The Towers is important in helping to keep the area stable. I want to it continue this way, but the taxes are getting out of hand, particularly for us senior citizens. The non-homestead tax in addition to all our other taxes is unfair. I ask for your support in our seeking to change this unfair situation. Please help to reduce our property tax rate.

Respectfully yours,

Brenda Margolis

Brenda Margolis

Apt. 502 5 Riverside Dr.

Mrs. Brenda Margolis
5 Riverside Drive, Apt. 502
Binghamton, NY 13905

April 21, 2015

Caroline Moppert

Dear Member of the Binghamton City Council:

I have been a resident of Five Riverside Towers since 1999. I greatly appreciate the safe and maintenance-free environment of my building, especially since I am a widow and raising my 8 year old granddaughter.

As an owner I pay an additional property and school tax as a result of the Non-Homestead tax. Since this is my principal residence, I qualify for STAR and federal deductions for interest and property tax. In all other respects, except for Binghamton's Non-Homestead tax, I am treated like a single family owner.

I believe that the additional tax is unfair, and I am writing to ask your support in seeking a change in the tax law that will give me a reduced property tax rate.

Sincerely,

Caroline Moppert

Mr. & Mrs. Charles R. Westgate
5 Riverside Drive, Apt. 1009
Binghamton, NY 13905

April 16, 2015

Binghamton City Council
Jeremy Pelletier, City Clerk
Binghamton City Hall
38 Hawley Street, First Floor
Binghamton, NY 13901

Dear members of the City Council:

My wife Gloria and I are residents of 5 Riverside Towers. We are in our mid- to late 70's and have been owners since 2007. We appreciate the stair-free access and the low maintenance features of the building. My wife is retired, and I work part-time. I will be fully retired shortly.

As owners, we pay an additional property and school tax as a result of the non-Homestead tax. Since this is our primary residence and home, we qualify for STAR and federal deductions for interest and property tax. In all other respects, except for Binghamton's non-Homestead tax, we are treated like owners of a single family home.

I believe that the additional tax is unfair and I am writing to ask your support in seeking a change in the tax law that will give us a reduced property tax rate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charles R. Westgate". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Charles R. Westgate

April 17, 2015

Binghamton City Council
Jeremy Delletier, City Clerk
Binghamton City Hall
38 Hawley St. First Floor
Binghamton, NY 13901

Dear Member of the
Binghamton City Council;

My wife and I have been Residents
of Five Riverside Towers since
2005. We greatly appreciate the
safe and maintenance-free environment
of our building.

I am a retired Binghamton
School administrator and my
wife is a retired Registered
Nurse from Lourdes Hospital.

As owners, we pay an additional
property and school tax as a result
of the Non-Homeshead Tax. Since
this is our principal residence, we
qualify for STAR and Federal de-
ductions for interest and property
tax. In all other respects, except
for Binghamton's Non-Homeshead tax,
we are treated like single family
owners.

We believe that the additional
tax is unfair, and I am writing
to ask your support in seeking
a change in the tax law that will
give us a reduced property tax
rate. Sincerely,
Cornelius J. Loden

4/19/2014

Binghamton City Council
Jeremy Pelletier, City Clerk
Binghamton City Hall 1st FL
38 Hawley St.
Binghamton NY 13901

Dear Member of City Council:

my wife and I have been residents of
5 Riverside Towers since 2014. We are
both retired, my wife is 73 I am 80 yrs
old. We have both been retired for
several years.

As owners, we pay an additional
property and school tax, as a result of
the non-homestead act. In all other
respects, except for Binghamton's non-
homestead act and tax, we are
treated like single family owners.

We believe that the additional tax is
unfair, and I am writing to ask
your support, in seeking a change in the
law that will give us a reduced
property tax rate.

Sincerely,
David + Barbara Menichello
5 RIVERSIDE DR. Apt 309.

DAVID GOLDSTEIN

Email: flushtheb@aol.com

5 Riverside Drive #303
Binghamton, NY 13905
607 203-1969

April 20, 2015

Binghamton City Council
Jeremy Pelletier, City Clerk
Binghamton City Hall
38 Hawley Street. First Floor
Binghamton, NY 13901

Dear Members of the Binghamton City Council:

For the past 12 years, both my wife and I have been residents of the Towers. I am a graduate of Binghamton Central High School, Harpur College and a veteran of the Marines. Both my wife and I are retired and greatly appreciate the life we lead as residents of the Towers.

I understand that as owners, we pay an additional property and school tax as a result of the Non Homestead tax. This additional tax impacts the Towers yearly budget significantly which is passed on to each owner in our monthly maintenance fee.

I believe that the additional property and school tax is unfair, and I am writing to ask your support in seeking to change the tax law that will give us relief in reduced property taxes.

Sincerely,



David Goldstein

April 17, 2015

Binghamton City Council
Jeremy Pelletier, City Clerk
Binghamton City Hall
38 Hawley Street, First Floor
Binghamton, NY 13901

Dear member of the Binghamton City Council:

I have been a resident of Five Riverside Towers since 2009. I am in my early seventies and have been retired for several years. The security and maintenance-free environment here offers peace of mind and convenient accommodations.

As owners, we pay an additional property and school tax as a result of the Non-Homestead tax in our region. This is my principle residence and I qualify for STAR and federal tax deductions for interest and property taxes. Accordingly, we are treated like single family owners. Binghamton's Non-Homestead tax is the only exception. I think that the additional tax is neither fair nor equitable.

Therefore, I am writing to ask for your support in seeking a change in the tax law that will render us a tax rate that is in alignment with the status of our other taxes.

Thanks for your time and consideration in this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Donald Rogers".

Donald Rogers
5 Riverside Dr. # 608
Binghamton, NY 13905

April 20, 2015

ATTN.

Jeremy Palletier

I have been a resident of
5 Riverside Towers since
1993 and have appreciated
the many advantages it
offers the residents - from
the ideal location to the
24 hr. security.

The Non-Homestead Tax
issue has been discussed
many times over the years
since I have been here - but
no changes were made -
Hopefully now with the
City Council support
it will be corrected!

Sincerely,

Elizabeth S. Gilbert
Apt. # 909

April 17, 2015

Binghamton City Council
Jeremy Pelletier, City Clerk
Binghamton City Hall
38 Dewey Street, First Floor
Binghamton, NY 13901

Dear Member of City Council,

Please support a change in the tax law regarding Five Riverside Towers. I have been a resident of the Towers since 2004.

I am a widow, retired as a RNII at Broome Developmental Center with OMRDD with 23 years service.

The additional tax we pay is unfair. Again, please support a reduced property tax.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Ann Graham

Elizabeth Ann Graham
5 Riverside Dr. #706
Binghamton, NY 13905

Ellen & Leonard Shaw
5 Riverside Drive #411
Binghamton, NY 13905

April 17, 2015

Binghamton City Council
Jeremy Pelletier, City Clerk
Binghamton City Hall
38 Hawley Street, First Floor
Binghamton, NY 13901

Dear Member of the Binghamton City Council:

We have been living in this building since 2000, and enjoy the safe and maintenance free environment it offers. We are both in our mid seventies, retired and on fixed incomes.

It has come to our attention that we have been paying additional property and school tax because of the Non-Homestead Tax. This is our only residence and we qualify for the enhanced STAR Plus, federal deductions for interest & property tax. In all other respects we are treated like single family owners.

We believe this additional tax is unfair, and we are writing to ask for your support in seeking a change in the tax law that will then give us a reduced property tax rate.

Thank you for your kind attention,

Sincerely yours,

Ellen and Leonard Shaw

Handwritten signatures of Ellen and Leonard Shaw in cursive script.

April 20, 2015

Mrs. Esther Sabol
5 Riverside Drive, Apt. 702
Binghamton, NY 13905

Binghamton City Council
Jeremy Pelletier, City Clerk
Binghamton City Hall
38 Hawley Street, First Floor
Binghamton, NY 13901

To Members of City Council:

I have been a resident at 5 Riverside Towers for the past three years. The Towers have provided me with a safe and maintenance free environment I am retired, a widow and on a fixed income.

As an owner I pay an additional property and school tax as a result of the non-Homestead Act. Since this is my principal residence, I qualify for STAR and federal deductions for interest and property tax. In all other respects, except for Binghamton's Non-Homestead tax, the Towers is treated like single family owners.

We believe the additional tax is unfair, and I am writing to ask your support in seeking a change in the tax law that will give us a reduced property tax rate.

Sincerely,



Esther Sabol

Mr. Eugene A. Strobe
5 Riverside Drive, Apt. 904
Binghamton, NY 13905

April 16, 2015

Binghamton City Council
Jeremy Pelletier, City Clerk
Binghamton City Hall
38 Hawley Street, First Floor
Binghamton, NY 13901

Dear members of the City Council:

I am a resident of 5 Riverside Towers and enjoy the safe and low maintenance aspects of the building. I also enjoy the community in which I live. I am in my late 80's, retired, and a widower.

As an owner, I pay an additional property and school tax as a result of the non-Homestead tax. Since this is my primary (and only) residence, I qualify for STAR and federal deductions for interest and property tax. In all other respects, except for Binghamton's non-Homestead tax, I am treated like an owner of a single family home.

I believe that the additional tax is unfair, and I am writing to ask your support in seeking a change in the tax law that will give us a reduced property tax rate.

Sincerely,



Eugene A. Strobe

April 25, 2015

City Council, Binghamton
90 City Clerk - Mr Jeremy Pelletier
Binghamton City Hall
38 Hawley Dr. - 1st Floor
Binghamton, NY 13901

Dear Binghamton City Council Member,

I am a widow residing at 5
Riverside Towers since 2005, and am
very satisfied the way living here
is safe (since I am alone) and
secure, and the building is in
such good and stable condition.

I have great peace of mind living
here

Due to the non-homestead tax, we
must pay an additional school and
property tax as a result of this tax.
This is our only principal residence
and qualify for STAR and federal
deductions for property tax and
federal for interest & property taxes.
Excuse me Binghamton's Non-

I ask for your support for
changing this law so we can be
enabled to a reduced property tax rate.
I am 80 years old with very
limited income. If you all can
help, it would definitely help me
as well as others financially here.

Thank you so much for your
consideration.

Sincerely,

Joan R. Sternberg
5 Riverside Dr. #506
Binghamton, NY 13903

Gail Reeder
5 Riverside Towers
Apt. 903
Binghamton, NY 13905

April 20, 2015

Binghamton City Council
Jeremy Palletier, City Clerk
Binghamton City Hall
38 Hawley St.
Binghamton, NY 13901

Dear Member of the Binghamton City Council:

I have lived at Five Riverside Towers since 2009. My husband and I enjoyed the benefits of living here & owning — a cooperative. I am now a widow and those benefits are even more important to me & my independence today.

As an owner I am concerned about the additional property and school taxes we pay as a result of the Non-Homestead tax. Since this is my principal residence, I qualify for State & federal deductions for interest & property tax. In all other respects, except for Binghamton's Non-Homestead tax we are treated like single family owners.

I believe that the additional tax is unfair, and I am writing to ask your support in seeking a change in the tax law that will give us a reduced property tax rate.

Sincerely,

Gail L. Reeder

April 21, 2015

Binghamton City Council
Jeremy Peltier, City Clerk
Binghamton City Hall
38 Hawley Street, First Floor
Binghamton N.Y. 13901

Dear Member of the Binghamton City Council:

I have been a resident of Five Riverside Towers since 1979. I retired 12 years ago. As an owner I pay an additional property and school tax as a result of the Non-Homestead Tax. Since this is my principle residence I qualify for all tax exemptions, but for the Non-Homestead tax. I believe the additional tax is unfair and I am seeking a change in the tax law that would give us a reduced property tax rate. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

George R. Husney

George R. Husney

5 RIVERSIDE DR.

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BINGHAMTON N.Y.

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April 19, 2015

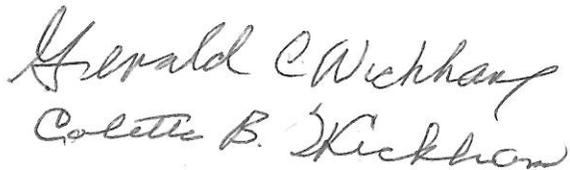
Binghamton City Council
Jeremy Pelletier, City Clerk
Binghamton City Hall
38 Hawley Street. First floor
Binghamton, NY 13901

Dear member of the Binghamton City Council:

My wife and I have lived at 5 Riverside Towers for three years and appreciate the good fortune of having such a superb dwelling in Binghamton.

We own our apartment to which is attached a significant maintenance fee. The fee includes both property and school taxes. Our property tax is levied as though we are business and not a dwelling. The City Council is seeking to change this tax rate to that of a single family dwelling. My wife and I support the council's efforts.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signatures of Gerald C. Wickham and Colette B. Wickham in cursive script.

Gerald C. Wickham
Colette B. Wickham

April 17 2025

To: Binghamton City Council:

I live at 5 Riverside Drive

We are a cooperative, sharing

the costs of our home.

We are not a profit sharing

mutual investment. Our

taxes should be as any

other home.

Herbert Landow

Apartment 701

Mr. Herbert Landow
5 Riverside Drive, Apt. 701
Binghamton, NY 13905

5 Riverside Drive Apt. 1003
Binghamton, NY 13905
April 21, 2015

Binghamton City Council
Jeremy Pelletier, City Clerk
Binghamton City Hall
38 Hawley Street
Binghamton, NY 13901

My husband and I are residents of 5 Riverside Towers and would like to show our support for a reduction in taxes on this property. As I understand the issue, The Towers is classified as a business rather than a residence regarding our tax status. This is not the case. This is our home. I would appreciate any consideration you can give the residents of The Towers with respect to correcting this classification and lowering our taxes.

Thank you,
Jacqueline Ford

April 20, 2015

Binghamton City Council
Jeremy Pelletier, City Clerk
Binghamton City Hall
38 Hawley Street, First Floor
Binghamton, NY 13901

Dear Member of the Binghamton City Council:

My wife and I are residents of Five Riverside Towers and greatly appreciate the safe and maintenance-free environment of our building.

As owners, we pay an additional property and school tax as a result of the Non-Homestead Tax. Since this is our principal and only residence, we qualify for STAR and federal deductions for interest and property tax. In all other respects, except for Binghamton's Non-homestead tax, we are treated like single family property owners.

We believe that the additional tax is unfair, and we are writing to ask your support in seeking a change in the tax law that will give us a more fair and subsequently reduced property tax rate. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

James F. and Patricia A. Corby

April 15, 2015

Binghamton City Council
Jerry Bellietier, City Clerk
Binghamton City Hall
38 Hawley Street, First Floor
Binghamton, NY 13901

Dear members of The Binghamton
City Council:

My husband and I have been
residents of 5 Riverside Towers
for 7 1/2 years. We are both
retired and in our early 80's.

Through our co-op we homeowners
are being taxed by the city at the
business tax rate. We think this
is not fair.

Please support a change in the
tax law that will give us the
reduced homeowner's property
tax rate.

Sincerely,
Janet Landaw

5 Riverside Drive Apt. 701, Binghamton, NY 13905

April 22, 2015

Dear Members of the Bennington City Council,

I have been a resident of Ferie Riverside Towers since 1985. As a owner I pay an additional property & school tax as a result of the Non-Homestead tax. Since this is my principal residence, I qualify for state and federal deductions for interest and property tax. Except for

RECYCLABLE

Bunglanta's non-Hamster tap,
I am treated like a single owner.

I believe that the additional tap is
unfair, and I am writing to ask your
support in seeking change in the tap
law that will give a reduced property
tap rate.

Sincerely

#904 Jessa M. Meneally

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April 20, 2015

Binghamton City Council
Attn: Jeremy Colletier, City Clerk

Dear City of Binghamton Council Members:

I am an 85 year old senior citizen who returned to our city ten years ago. As a recent widow I was seeking a new home and was fortunate enough to find a wonderful one at 5 Riverside Drive. I knew that alone I could not maintain a property but here I am a homeowner along with many others and yet in all respects we are individual owners.

Due to the Non Homestead Tax we are paying higher

property and school taxes.
I feel this is very unfair
and am asking for your
support in changing this
law.

Sincerely

Jean H Budd

Non-Homestead tax, I am treated as a
single family owner.

I believe that the additional tax is
unfair, and I am writing to ask
your support in seeking a change in
the tax law that will give me a reduced
property tax rate.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Joan L. Preisler

April 16 - 2015

Dear Member of the Bennington City Council

I do not understand why we are being
taped as a business. It is strictly an
residence + not a business

My husband and I have lived at the
Towers 5 Riverside Drive since 2009

We really appreciate the safe and
maintenance we have here

We are both in our mid 50's + are
retired from any jobs

As owners we pay property + school tax
as a result of the Non Homestead tax

It is our only residence we qualify
for the star program. We are treated like
single family owners

We believe the tax is unfair and
we're writing to ask your support
in seeking a change in the tax law that would
give us a reduced property tax rate

Thank you

Apt #308

Sincerely

Marie McRay

John P. McRay

April 21, 2015

L. Henderson
Five Riverside Dr
Binghamton, NY 13905

Binghamton City Council
Jeremy Pelletier, Clerk
Binghamton City Hall
38 Hawley St, 1st Fl.
Binghamton, NY 13901

Dear Member of City Council:

I have been a resident of Five Riverside Towers since 2002. I greatly appreciate the safe and maintenance-free environment of our building. I am a widow in my 90s - my husband passed away 3 1/2 years ago.

As an owner, I pay an additional property and school tax as a result of the Non-Homestead Tax. Since this is my principle residence, I qualify for STAR and federal deductions for interest and property tax. In all other respects, except for Binghamton's Non-Homestead Tax, I am treated like a single-family owner.

I believe that the additional tax is unfair, and I am writing to ask your support in seeking a change in the tax law that will give me a reduced property tax rate.

Sincerely,

L. B. Henderson

April 21, 2015

Mr. Jeremy Pelletier
City Clerk
38 Hawley Street
Binghamton, New York 13901

Dear Sir:

I am writing to you today to ask for your help in reducing the non-homestead tax.

I have lived here at 5 Riverside Drive in Binghamton, New York since 2004 and have been very happy. However, I feel that the non-homestead tax is not fair to the residents of 5 Riverside Drive. I would appreciate your help in getting a change in the tax law that will reduce our property tax rate.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lola E. Basos".

Lola E. Basos
5 Riverside Drive, Apt. 1111
Binghamton, New York 13095

APRIL 17, 2015

BINGHAMTON CITY COUNCIL
JEREMY PELLETIER, CITY CLERK
BINGHAMTON CITY HALL
38 HAWLEY STREET, FIRST FLOOR
BINGHAMTON, NY 13901

DEAR MEMBER OF BINGHAMTON CITY COUNCIL:

I'VE BEEN A RESIDENT OF FIVE RIVERSIDE TOWERS SINCE 2006. ~~HE~~ I GREATLY APPRECIATE THE SAFE & MAINTENANCE-FREE ENVIRONMENT OF OUR BUILDING. I AM IN MY MID-EIGHTIES

AS OWNERS, WE PAY AN ADDITIONAL PROPERTY & SCHOOL TAX AS A RESULT OF THE NON-HOMESTEAD ~~PROPERTY~~ TAX. SINCE THIS IS MY PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE, WE QUALIFY FOR STATE & FEDERAL DEDUCTIONS FOR INTEREST & PROPERTY TAX. IN ALL OTHER RESPECTS, EXCEPT FOR BINGHAMTON'S NON-HOMESTEAD TAX, WE ARE TREATED LIKE SINGLE FAMILY OWNERS.

I BELIEVE THAT THE ADDITIONAL TAX IS UNFAIR, & I'M WRITING TO ASK YOUR SUPPORT IN SEEKING A CHANGE IN THE TAX LAW THAT WILL GIVE US A REDUCED PROPERTY TAX RATE.

SINCERELY - M. SWARTZ

Mrs. Marie Saccento
5 Riverside Drive, Apt. 507
Binghamton, NY 13905

April 16, 2015

Binghamton City Council
Jeremy Pelletier, City Clerk
Binghamton City Hall
38 Hawley Street, First Floor
Binghamton, NY 13901

Dear Member of the Binghamton City Council:

I moved to Five Riverside Towers in 2005 from NYC because I am a widow and retired in 2005. I have family that also lives in Binghamton. I love living at the Towers, it is such a well-run and maintained building.

I pay an additional tax because of Binghamton's Non-Homestead tax. I believe that the additional tax is unfair, and I am asking your support in changing the tax law that will give me a reduced property tax rate.

Sincerely,

Marie Saccento

April 20, 2015

Dear Member of the Binghamton City Council:

I have been a resident of Five Riverside Towers since the fall of 2013. I greatly appreciate the safe and maintenance-free environment of our building. I am in my seventies and a widow.

As owners, we pay an additional property and school tax as a result of the Non-Homestead tax. Since this is my principal residence, I qualify for STAR and federal deductions for interest and property tax. In all respects, except for Binghamton's Non-Homestead tax, we are treated like single family owners.

I believe that this additional tax is unfair, and I am writing to ask your support in seeking a change in the law that will give us a reduced property tax rate.

Thank you Marilyn Cashman # 403

Binghamton City Council
Jeremy Pelletier, City Clerk
Binghamton City Hall
38 Hawley Street, First Floor
Binghamton, NY 13901

Mrs. Maureen L. Walsh
5 Riverside Drive, Apt. 1103
Binghamton, NY 13905

Dear Members of the Binghamton City Council,

I am a resident of 5 Riverside Towers, and have lived here three years. I am aware of the fact that our residence is considered a Non-Homestead property by the City of Binghamton.

5 Riverside Towers is a completely residential property without any commercial operations within the building which would cause it to be considered commercial. Most of the residents are seniors on a fixed income, and the Non-Homestead classification places a burden of higher taxes on us.

I am asking you to reconsider the Non-Homestead status for 5 Riverside Towers for the benefit of the people who chose to live in Binghamton over other local communities who don't have this penalty for residential properties. I appreciate your consideration and help in this matter.

Sincerely,

Maureen L. Walsh
Apartment 1103
(607)238-1067

**Maxine & Marvin Kaplan
5 Riverside Drive
Binghamton, New York 13905**

April 20, 2015

*Binghamton City Council
Jeremy Pelletier, City Clerk
Binghamton City Hall
38 Hawley Street, First Floor
Binghamton, NY 13901*

Dear Member of the Binghamton City Council:

My husband and I are residents at Five Riverside Towers. We enjoy living in a safe, maintenance free environment. I work part time and my husband is 87 years of age and retired.

We pay an additional property and school tax as a result of the Non-Homestead tax. This is our only residence and we qualify for STAR. My husband is a Korean War Veteran. In other respects, we are treated like single family owners.

We feel that the additional tax is unfair, and writing to ask your support in seeking a change in the tax law that will give us a reduced property tax rate.

Very truly yours,

Maxine Kaplan
Marvin Kaplan
Maxine Kaplan
Marvin Kaplan

April 17, 2015

Mr. & Mrs. Edward J. Evans
5 Riverside Drive, Apt. 301
Binghamton, NY 13905

Binghamton City Council
Jeremy Pelletier, City Clerk
Binghamton City Hall
38 Hawley St., First Floor
Binghamton, N.Y. 13901

Dear Member of the Binghamton City Council:

My wife and I have been residents at Five
Riverside Towers for 19 years. We are both
retired. I am 81 and my wife is 77. As
seniors, we greatly enjoy the safe and maintenance-
free way of life our building affords.

As owners, we pay an additional property and
school tax as a result of the Non-Homestead
Tax. As this is our only residence, we
qualify for STAR and federal deductions
for interest and property tax. In all other
respects, except for Binghamton's Non-
Homestead Tax, we are treated like single
family owners.

We believe the additional tax is unfair.
We ask your support in seeking a
change in the tax law that will give us a
reduced property tax rate.

Sincerely,

Edward J. Evans

Gloria M. Evans

April 16, 2015

Binghamton City Council
Jeremy Pelletier, City Clerk
Binghamton City Hall
Binghamton, New York 13901

Dear Member of the Binghamton City Council:

My husband and I, both retired and in our upper sixties, have owned our apartment at Five Riverside Towers for the past eighteen years.

Our apartment at Riverside Towers is our primary residence and, because of this, we qualify for STAR as well as federal deductions for interest and property tax.

We are treated as single family owners with the exception of Binghamton's Non-Homestead tax.

As a result of the Non-Homestead Act, we pay an additional property and school tax. We believe that this is unfair.

Please support us in seeking a change in the tax law so as to reduce our property tax rate.

Thank you for your assistance.

Respectfully yours,

Elaine Chuculate
Gerard Chuculate

Mr. & Mrs. Gerard Chuculate
5 Riverside Drive, Apt. 602
Binghamton, NY 13905

April 18, 2015

Mr. & Mrs. James Gialanella
5 Riverside Drive, Apt. 505
Binghamton, NY 13905

Binghamton City Council
Jeremy Bellotier City Clerk
Binghamton, City Hall
38 Hawley Street, First Floor
Binghamton, N.Y. 13901

Dear member of the Binghamton City Council,

My wife and I have been residents of five
Riverside Towers since 1998. We
greatly appreciate the safe and maintenance
free environment of our building.
We are in our eighties.

As owners we pay an additional property and
school tax as a result of the non-Homestead tax.
Since this is our principal residence, we
qualify for state & federal deductions for
interest and property tax. In all other
respects, except for Binghamton's non-Homestead tax,
we are treated like single family owners.

We believe that the additional tax is unfair, and
I am writing to ask your support
in seeking a change in the tax law that will
give us a reduced property tax rate.

sincerely,
Jim & Rose Gialanella

April 16, 2015

Mr. & Mrs. Norman Mahoney
5 Riverside Drive, Apt. 310
Binghamton, NY 13905

Binghamton City Council
Jeremy Pelletier, City Clerk
Binghamton City Hall
38 Hawley Street, First Floor
Binghamton, N.Y. 13901

Dear Member of the Binghamton City Council

My husband and I are residents of 5 Riverside Towers since September 20, 2012, having previously lived in Pennsylvania. Since my husband is 88 and I am approaching 81, we enjoy the safe and maintenance free aspect of our building.

We feel that the Binghamton Non-Homestead Tax is unfair and we ask that you consider a change in the tax law to give us a reduced property tax rate.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
Norman J. Mahoney
Barbara J. Mahoney

April 17, 2015

Binghamton City Council
Jeanny Pelletier, City Clerk
Bing City Hall
36 Newby St., First Floor
Binghamton, N.Y. 13901

Dear Members of the Bing City Council

I've been a Resident of
5 Riverside Tower since July, 2011.

My legal address is
5 Riverside Tower
Apt 409
Riverside Tower
Binghamton NY

I am a widow in my late Eighties.

I feel safe & Maintenance free
Building I pay additional Property

& School Tax as a result of
the Non Homestead Tax

Since this is my Principal
Residence, I qualify for the State
& federal deductions for Interest
& Property

Binghamton city Council, want to
I'm treated as a single Family
owner & I believe that the added
Tax is unfair and I am
requesting a change in the Tax
Law and that will give us
reduced Property Tax Rate.

Sincerely

Mrs Patricia J Kadlecik

5 Riverside Tower

Apt 409

Bing, NY 13905

Sincerely Thanks
Patricia J Kadlecik

4/18/15

Binghamton City Council
Jeremy Pelletier, City Clerk
Binghamton City Hall
38 Hawley St. First Floor
Binghamton, NY 13901

Dear Members of the Binghamton City Council:

My Husband and I have been residents of Five Riverside Towers since 2006. I am retired and my husband will retire shortly.

As owners, we pay additional property and school tax as a result of the NON HOMESTEAD TAX.

This is our principal residence and we qualify for STAR and federal deductions for property tax and interest. We are treated like single family owners EXCEPT FOR BINGHAMTON'S NON-HOMESTEAD TAX.

We believe that the additional tax is unjust. I am writing to ask for your support in seeking a change in the tax law that will result in a reduced property tax rate.

Sincerely,
Patricia Raymond

April 18, 2015

Binghamton City Council
Jeremy Pelletier, City Clerk
Binghamton City Hall
38 Hawley Street, First Floor
Binghamton, N.Y. 13901

Dear member of the Binghamton City Council:

I am a resident of Five Riverside Towers. I have lived here two and almost one-half years. I moved here after the death of my husband, and find it to be a safe and comfortable place. I am retired, and live on my retirement income.

As an owner here, I pay additional property and school tax. Since this is my principal residence, I do qualify for State and federal deductions for interest and property tax. Except for Binghamton's Non-Homestead tax I am treated as any property owner.

I believe this additional tax is unfair, and, therefore I am writing to ask your support in seeking a change in the tax law that will give me a reduced property tax rate.

Sincerely,

Peggy H. Naismith
5 Riverside Dr, Apt. 601
Binghamton, N.Y. 13905

April 21, 2015

Binghamton City Council
Jeremy Pelletier, City Clerk
Binghamton City Hall
38 Hawley Street, First Floor
Binghamton, NY 13901

Dear Member of the Binghamton City Council:

My wife and I have been residents of 5 Riverside Drive for almost 11 years and never realized, in all that time, that we were paying an additional property and school tax. The total amount of additional taxes paid must, by this time, be quite high.

Since there seems to be little, if any, reason, for this tax law, we would hope that you can lend your support to us, the residents of the Towers, in seeking a change that will result in a reduced property tax rate.

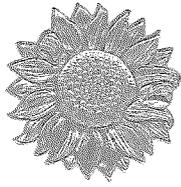
Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated,

Gratefully,

Philip Cali
Carol Cali

Philip and Carol Cali

April 20-2015



I have been a resident of Fine Riverside
Town since 2008. I greatly appreciate the
scope and maintenance-free environment of our
building. I am in my upper eighties.

As an owner, I am paying additional school &
property tax as a result of the Non-Homestead Tax
since this is my principal residence, I qualify
for state and federal deductions for interest &
Property tax - over

I believe that the additional tax is
unfair and I am writing to ask your
support in seeking a change in the tax
law that will give us a reduced
property tax rate. Thank you.

Sincerely

Phyllis L. Cannon

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April 21, 2015

Binghamton City Council
Jeremy Pelletier, City Clerk
Binghamton City Hall
38 Hawley St First Floor
Binghamton, N.Y. 13901

Dear Member of the Binghamton City Council,

I have been a resident of Five Riverside Towers since 2005. I am in my 80s and a widow who appreciates the safety and security of our building and management.

As an owner we pay additional Taxes as a result of the Non-Homestead Tax.

We believe that the additional is unfair, + I am writing to ask your support in seeking a change in the tax law that will give us a reduced property Tax Rate.

Sincerely

Phyllis Kacmarek

**Richard A. Rehberg
Apt. 908 Riverside Towers
5 Riverside Drive
Binghamton, New York 13905**

April 15, 2015

Jeremy Pelletier, City Clerk
Binghamton City Council
38 Hawley Street, First Floor
Binghamton, NY 13901

Dear Mr. Pelletier and
Members of City Council

It is my understanding that as a resident of Riverside Towers, my property and school tax is higher than that for ordinary residential units in the City because Binghamton operates under the NonHomestead tax option.

I have been a resident at Riverside Towers for more than five years. I value not only the location of Riverside Towers but also the convenience, security, and management of our building. At age 76, I expect to be a resident not only of Riverside Towers but of the City of Binghamton for the foreseeable future.

It is difficult for me to understand why, as a resident of a cooperative, I must pay property and school taxes at a rate higher than were I to live in a home or ordinary apartment of comparable market value within the City.

I write to ask your support in seeking a change in the tax law that will restore fairness to our cooperative and eliminate the disparity in the taxes I pay as a member of a cooperative compared with what I would pay as a resident of a home or ordinary apartment.

Cordially,



Richard A. Rehberg

APRIL 19, 2015

JEREMY PELLETIER, CITY CLERK
BINGHAMTON CITY HALL
38 HAWLEY STREET, FIRST FLOOR
BINGHAMTON, NY 13901

DEAR MEMBER OF THE BINGHAMTON CITY COUNCIL;

I HAVE BEEN A RESIDENT HERE AT THE 5 RIVERSIDE TOWERS SINCE AUGUST 2006. I WAS 71 YEARS OLD AT THAT TIME. AS A RETIRED WORKER, I DOWNSIZED FROM A LARGER HOME TO THIS RESIDENCE BECAUSE IT WAS ON A BUS LINE, HAD SECURITY AND MAINTENANCE-FREE LIVING. I PAID SCHOOL AND PROPERTY TAXES AT THE PREVIOUS HOME I OWNED AND DO THE SAME NOW AT 5 RIVERSIDE TOWERS FOR THE APARTMENT THAT I OWN.

I WAS REALLY SURPRISED TO LEARN THAT I PAY MORE IN SCHOOL AND PROPERTY TAXES BECAUSE OF THE NON-HOMESTEAD TAX. THIS IS MY HOME AND I QUALIFY FOR ENHANCED STAR AND FEDERAL DEDUCTIONS FOR INTEREST AND PROPERTY TAX. EXCEPT FOR BINGHAMTON'S NON-HOMESTEAD TAX, I AM TREATED LIKE ANY SINGLE FAMILY HOME OWNER IN BINGHAMTON.

I THINK THAT THE ADDITIONAL TAX I PAY BECAUSE OF THE NON-HOMESTEAD DESIGNATION IS UNFAIR.

I AM ASKING FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN WORKING TOWARD A CHANGE IN THE TAX LAW THAT WILL REDUCE MY PROPERTY TAX RATE.

SINCERELY,

Robert de Vente

April 20, 2015
Binghamton City Council
Jeremy Pelletier, City Clerk
Binghamton City Hall
38 Hawley Street, First Floor
Binghamton, NY 13901

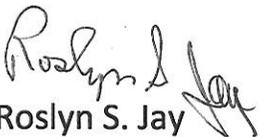
Dear Members of the Binghamton City Council:

I have been a resident of 5 Riverside Towers for 14 years. I greatly appreciate the safe environment and the stair-free features of the building. I am 82 years old and am a widow.

As an owner, I pay an additional property and school tax as a result of the Non-Homestead tax. This is my only residence and my home. I qualify for STAR and federal deductions for interest and property tax. In all other respects, except for Binghamton's non-Homestead tax, I am treated like a single family owner.

I believe that the additional tax is unfair, and I am writing to ask your support in seeking a change in the tax law that will give us a reduced property tax rate.

Sincerely,


Roslyn S. Jay

Mrs. Roslyn S. Jay
5 Riverside Drive, Apt. 410
Binghamton, NY 13905

Binghamton City Council
Jeremy Pelletier, City Clerk
Binghamton City Hall
38 Hawley St. 1st fl
Binghamton, NY 13901

April 20, 2015

Dear Member of City Council:

I am a resident of 5 Riverside Drive since 2013. I feel it is the finest apartment house in Broome County. I am retired + in my 80's.

This ^{is} my principal residence, I qualify for STAR + federal deductions for interest + property tax. In all other respects, except for Binghamton's Non-Homestead tax, I am treated like a single family owner.

I feel the additional tax is unfair. I am writing for your support in making a change in the tax law that will give us a lower property tax rate.

Thank you,
Ruth Goldstein

Binghamton City Council
Jeremy Pelletier, City Clerk
Binghamton City Hall
38 Hawley St
Binghamton NY 13907

Dear Member of City Council,

I have been a resident of Five Riverside Towers for over 20 years. Since this is my principal residence I qualify for the Star Program.

I am writing to ask your support in seeking a change in the tax law that will ^{give} us a reduced tax rate.

Sincerely,
Shirley MacElhone

Shirley MacElhone
5 Riverside Drive, Apt. 205
Binghamton, NY 13905

20 April 2015

Dear Mr. Pollatier,

My husband ^{and} I have been residents
of 5 Riverside Drive since 1998.
He moved here from New Jersey ^{and} retired
at that time.

Since this is our only residence, we have
been paying additional property ^{and}
school taxes because of the
NON-HOMESTEAD tax which we
feel is unfair. We request your members
of the City Council to support a
change in the tax law that will
result in a reduced property tax rate
for the owners in our building.

Susumu ^{and} Jeanne Narita

Mr. & Mrs. Susumu Narita
5 Riverside Drive, Apt. 802
Binghamton, NY 13905

April 16, 2015

Binghamton City Council
Jeremy Pelletier, City Clerk
Binghamton City Hall
38 Hawley Street
Binghamton, NY 13901

Dear Member of Binghamton City Council:

I have been a resident at Five Riverside Towers since 2000. I have greatly appreciate the safe and maintenance-free environment of this building. I am retired single female in my late seventies.

As owners, we pay an additional property tax and school tax as a result of the Non Homestead tax. Since this is my principal residence, I qualify for STAR and Federal deductions for interest and property tax. In all other respects, except for Binghamton's Non-Homestead tax, we are treated like single family owners.

I believe that the additional tax is unfair, and I am writing to ask for your support in seeking a change in the tax law that will give us a reduced property tax rate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Suzanne Thornton".

Suzanne Thornton
Apt 1004

April 19, 2015

5 Riverside Cr. # 610

Binghamton, N.Y. 13905

Dear Member of the Binghamton City Council:

Hollin and his first wife were residents from 1988 until her death in 1998. Hollin and I were married in 1999 and resided at 5 Riverside Cr. until his death in 2008.

As a result of the Non Homestead Tax, we paid an additional property or school tax. Because this was our principal residence, we qualify for STAR and Federal deductions for interest and property tax. Except for Binghamton's Non Homestead tax, we were treated like single family owners.

Hollin and his first wife were residents from 1988 until her death in 1998. Hollin and I were married and resided at 5 Riverside Cr. until his death in 2008.

As a result of the Non Homestead tax, we paid an additional tax. We qualify for STAR and Federal deductions for interest and property tax. Except for Binghamton's non homestead tax, we were treated like single family owners.

I believe that the additional tax is unfair and am asking for your support and tax law that will give you a reduced property tax rate.

Sincerely,
Lundy Swining

April 18, 2015

Binghamton City Council
Jeremy Pelletier, City Clerk
Binghamton City Hall
38 Hawley Street
Binghamton, NY 13901

Dear Council Member:

We have lived in Binghamton since 1988 and moved to Riverside Towers in 2010. We are both retired and receive the Enhanced STAR rebate.

In our previous home we were taxed at the residential tax rate. At Riverside Towers we are taxed at the commercial rate even though our entire building consists of residential apartments. In all other ways we are treated as individual owners financially.

We believe that being taxed as a business is unfair and ask you to support us by seeking a change in the law to allow us to be treated like other individual home owners.

Thank you for addressing this problem.

Sincerely,



Urane F. Colvill



Lee Colvill

5 Riverside Drive, Apt. 1105
Binghamton, NY 13905

4-17-15

April 17, 4-17-15
Binghamton City Council
JEREMY PELLETIER, City Clerk
Binghamton City Hall
38 Hawley Street, 1st Floor
Binghamton, NY. 13901

DEAR MEMBER OF THE Binghamton City Council

I HAVE BEEN A RESIDENT OF 5 RIVERSIDE
TOWERS SINCE 2006. I APPRECIATE THE
SAFE AND MAINTENANCE-FREE ENVIRONMENT
OF OUR BUILDING. I AM IN MY 80'S. MY
HUSBAND; I AM A WIDOW SINCE ~~20~~ 1996
OUR STAFF; MANAGER DAVID HARRIS,
SECURITY GUARDS, 24 HOURS A DAY. ALSO
BOARD OF DIRECTORS; THAT SERVE
A BIG SENSE OF SECURITY. THE
MEETINGS ARE ALWAYS OPEN TO
US. THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE IN HELPING
US WITH OUR FINANCES; HELPING
AS I HOPE THIS LETTER DOES!

Recently, N.Y.S. Electric and Gas have helped with Heating Bills

As an owner, I pay an additional property and school tax as a result of the ~~the~~ Star and HOMESTEAD Tax. Since this is my principal residence, I qualify for Star and FEDERAL Deductions for interest and property tax. In all other respects, except for FEDERAL Deductions for the interest & property tax. In all other respects, except for Birchardson's Non-HOMESTEAD Tax, we are treated like single family owners.

We believe that the additional tax is unfair, and I am writing to ask your support in seeking a change in the tax law that will give me a reduced property tax rate. I am 83 yrs. old, retired + owner of my residence for 20 yrs. Please help me!

Sincerely, Virginia McCormack

April 22, 2015

Binghamton City Council
Jeremy Pelletier, City Clerk
Binghamton City Hall
38 Hawley Street, First Floor
Binghamton, NY 13901

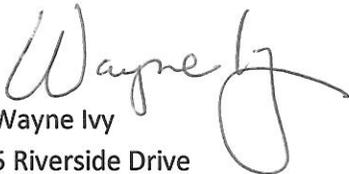
Dear Member of the Binghamton City Council:

I have been a resident of 5 Riverside Towers for approximately 3 years. I am a single individual with no children. I live in the Towers because I appreciate the low maintenance environment provided, as I quickly approach retirement.

As an owner, I pay additional property and school taxes as a result of the Non-Homestead tax. This is my primary residence; therefore I do qualify for federal deductions for interest and property taxes. Except for Binghamton's Non-Homestead tax, I am regarded as a single family owner.

Therefore, the additional tax is unfair, so I am writing to ask for your support in seeking a change in the law that will give other residence of the Towers and me a reduced property tax rate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wayne Ivy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping "W" and "I".

Wayne Ivy
5 Riverside Drive
Apartment 607
Binghamton, NY 13905