

## Chapter 7

### ASSESSOR

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[HISTORY: Adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Westmoreland 3-8-1999 by L.L. No. 1-1999. Amendments noted where applicable.]

#### GENERAL REFERENCES

Taxation — See Ch. 160.

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#### § 7-1. Findings.

The Town Board of the Town of Westmoreland finds that the certification requirements for the Office of Assessor and the additional work required of the assessors due to the increase in the number of tax parcels and exemptions have made the performance of the duties of assessor too burdensome to be performed by three elected assessors. The Town Board of the Town of Westmoreland finds that it is more beneficial to the Town to assign the assessing tasks to a sole assessor. Among the benefits of the office of a sole appointed assessor are: a longer term of office, a consistent approach to assessing, an increase in efficiency, and a more professional approach to the duties of the office.

#### § 7-2. Abolishment of elected assessor positions.

Pursuant to the authority granted under § 328 of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York, the positions of elected assessors in the Town of Westmoreland are hereby abolished, effective December 31, 1999; from and after said date there shall be one Assessor for the Town, to be appointed as provided in § 310 of the Real Property Tax Law.

#### § 7-3. Qualifications.

The qualifications for the office of appointed Assessor shall be the minimum qualifications and standards set by § 312 of the Real Property Tax Law and the Commissioner of Taxation and Finance as of the date of appointment to office.

#### § 7-4. Permissive referendum.

Pursuant to the provisions of § 328 of Article 3 of the Real Property Tax Law, this article shall be subject to permissive referendum.

**§ 7-5. When effective.**

This article shall take effect 45 days after its adoption, or if a petition is filed pursuant to § 24(1) of the Municipal Home Rule Law, upon its approval by a majority of the qualified electors of the Town of Westmoreland voting on a proposition therefore,<sup>1</sup> and upon filing certified copies thereof in the office of the Secretary of State.

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1. Editor's Note: No petition protesting this article was filed.