Section 1. Authority

This Local Law is enacted pursuant to the provisions of the New York Town Law and the New York Municipal Home Rule Law.

Section 2. Purpose

The purpose of this local law is to extend the partial real property tax exemption authorized by New York Real Property Tax Law ("RPTL") Section 458-b, which is commonly known as the Cold War Veterans Exemption. When the exemption was initially authorized by New York State and adopted by the Town, the term of the exemption was limited to ten years. The New York State legislature has now authorized towns to remove the term limitation of the Cold War Veterans Exemption. In other words, the Cold War Veterans Exemption would apply for as long as qualified veterans remain qualified owners under the RPTL § 458-b. The Town desires to authorize such an extension.

Section 3. Removal of 10 Year Term Limitation

The Town hereby exercises its local option and adopts this local law pursuant to RPTL Section 458-b(c)(iii) to remove the ten year limitation provided therein.

Section 4. Amendment to the Town of Skaneateles Code, Section 134-31

Town of Skaneateles Code Section 134-31(C) shall be amended as follows:

The exemption provided by Subsection A of § 134-30 of this article shall not include any term limitation. The exemption provided by RPTL Section 458-b shall apply to qualifying owners of qualifying real property for as long as they remain qualifying owners, without regard to any ten year limitation.

Section 5. Effective Date

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing in the Office of the New York State Secretary of State.