

TOWN OF HAMPTON FALLS

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NEW HAMPSHIRE 03844

Information About Property Tax Exemption For Commercial Properties Pursuant to RSA 72:81

In 2023, the Town of Hampton Falls adopted the provisions of RSA 72:81 and enabled the town to grant tax exemptions for new construction performed on commercial uses determined to be a public benefit. The intent of the exemption authority is to provide incentives to businesses to build, rebuild, modernize, or enlarge within the municipality. The exemption shall apply only for municipal and local school property taxes assessed by the municipality. The exemption will not apply to the entirety of the property value, but to any increase in assessment which results from the new construction. The period of time for which the property is eligible for exemption is five years.

The percentage of authorized exemption is as follows:

- Year 1, 50% of the increased assessment as described above;
- Year 2, 40% of the increased assessment as described above;
- Year 3, 30% of the increased assessment as described above;
- Year 4, 20% of the increased assessment as described above;
- Year 5, 10% of the increased assessment as described above.

For purposes of this exemption, the term “new construction” shall mean new structures, or additions, renovations, or improvements to existing commercial structures. For the purposes of this exemption, the term “public benefit” shall mean a long-term increase to the assessed value of the town, have minimal burden on town services and/or offer residents new goods and services and employment opportunities. For purposes of this exemption, the term “commercial:” shall include retail, wholesale, service, hospitality and similar uses all as defined in the Hampton Falls Zoning Ordinance, as it may be amended from time to time. This exemption applies to new construction or renovations started after April 1, 2023 and will remain in effect for five (5) years.

Applications are available at the Building Inspectors Office and online at www.hamptonfalls.gov.