#### ROCKLAND COUNTY RENT GUIDELINES BOARD

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

# ROCKLAND COUNTY RENT GUIDELINES BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS AND MEETINGS

IN RESPONSE TO THE GOVERNOR'S DIRECTIVE TO TAKE EVERY EFFORT TO KEEP NEW YORKERS SAFE AND MITIGATE THE SPREAD OF COVID-19, AND PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER 202-1, WHICH ALLOWS FOR THE SUSPENSION OF THE PUBLIC OFFICERS LAW, THE ROCKLAND COUNTY RENT GUIDELINES BOARD ("RRGB") WILL BE CONDUCTING PUBLIC HEARINGS TO SET GUIDELINE RATES OF RENT ADJUSTMENT FOR HOUSING ACCOMMODATIONS WITHIN ITS JURISDICTION, SUBJECT TO THE EMERGENCY TENANT PROTECTION ACT OF 1974 ("ETPA") FOR LEASES COMMENCING BETWEEN OCTOBER 1, 2020 AND SEPTEMBER 30, 2021 VIA TELECONFERENCE. INSTRUCTIONS FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SIMULTANEOUSLY VIEW OR LISTEN TO THE MEETINGS WILL BE POSTED TO HCR'S WEBSITE FOR THE OFFICE OF RENT

ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE PUBLIC HEARINGS SECTION PRIOR TO THE MEETINGS. THE HEARINGS WILL ALSO LATER BE TRANSCRIBED AND THE PUBLIC WILL HAVE THE ABILITY TO VIEW THE TRANSCRIPTS. THE MEETING/HEARING SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS:

# **RESEARCH & ANALYSIS PRESENTATION MEETING**

**DATE:** Thursday, June 18, 2020

**TIME:** 7:00 PM

For the RRGB to receive a presentation from the DHCR Research & Analysis Unit of the tabulations of data based upon responses of ETPA owners to the annual survey and for such other business that may come before the Board.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

**DATE:** Wednesday, June 24, 2020

**TIME:** 7:00 PM

The Board will take testimony pertaining to the setting of the rent adjustments, if any, for leases of apartments subject to the Emergency Tenant Protection Act of 1974, as amended, and which commence on or between October 1, 2020 and September 30, 2021.

Members of the public wishing to address the Board via telephone during the meeting may send an e-mail to **RocklandCountyRGB@NYSHCR.org** requesting that they be placed on a list of speakers no later than June 23, 2020. On the date of the meeting, all persons who have signed up to speak will be provided with instructions on how to call in to the meeting and will be required to call in when prompted by the Chairperson. The speakers addressing the Board during the meeting are limited to three minutes for individuals and five minutes for persons on behalf of entities or organizations.

Alternatively, the public may submit written comments addressing the RRGB via the following email: RocklandCountyRGB@NYSHCR.ORG. The deadline to submit written comments for this public hearing is June 24, 2020.

## **PUBLIC HEARING and MEETING**

**DATE:** Thursday, June 25, 2020

**TIME:** 7:00 PM

The Board will take testimony pertaining to the setting of the rent adjustments, if any, for leases of apartments subject to the Emergency Tenant Protection Act of 1974, as amended, and which commence on or between October 1, 2020 and September 30, 2021.

Members of the public wishing to address the Board via telephone during the meeting may send an e-mail to **RocklandCountyRGB@NYSHCR.org** requesting that they be placed on a list of speakers no later than June 23, 2020. On the date of the meeting, all persons who have signed up to speak will be provided with instructions on how to call in to the meeting and will be required to call in when prompted by the Chairperson. The speakers addressing the Board during the meeting are limited to three minutes for individuals and five minutes for persons on behalf of entities or organizations.

Alternatively, the public may submit written comments addressing the RRGB via the following email: RocklandCountyRGB@NYSHCR.ORG. The deadline to submit written comments for this public hearing is June 24, 2020.

Subsequent to the Public Hearing, the Board will reconvene for the purpose of setting rent adjustments, if any, for housing accommodations in Rockland County subject to the Emergency Tenant Protection Act of 1974, for one or two year leases which commence between October 1, 2020 and September 30, 2021.

### **CERTIFICATION MEETING**

The RRGB anticipates scheduling a further public meeting to be held in September 2020 (specific date to be determined) to certify the rent guidelines for ETPA leases commencing between October 1, 2020 and September 30, 2021. A further public notice will be issued when the date and time for this meeting is determined.

Patricia Caldwell, Chairperson ROCKLAND COUNTY RENT GUIDELINES BOARD