

**WESTCHESTER COUNTY RENT GUIDELINES BOARD**

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**WESTCHESTER 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 WESTCHESTER COUNTY RENT GUIDELINES BOARD ("WRGB") 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 SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS:

## **PUBLIC HEARING #1**

**DATE:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020

**TIME:** 7:00 PM

To hear testimony from tenants and owners concerning how the Board should determine 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 and for such other business that may come before the Board, including a review of the June 2020 meeting schedule.

Members of the public wishing to address the Board during the meeting may send an e-mail to [WestchesterCountyRGB@NYSHCR.org](mailto:WestchesterCountyRGB@NYSHCR.org) requesting that they be placed on a list of speakers no later than June 2, 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 Chair. The Chair will call for the speakers in the order in which they signed up prior to the meeting. 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.

**The public may instead submit written comments addressing the WRGB via the following email: [WestchesterCountyRGB@NYSHCR.org](mailto:WestchesterCountyRGB@NYSHCR.org). The deadline to submit written comments for this public hearing is June 2, 2020.**

## **PUBLIC HEARING #2**

**DATE:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020

**TIME:** 7:00 PM

To hear testimony from tenants and owners concerning how the Board should determine 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 and for such other business that may come before the Board.

Members of the public wishing to address the Board via telephone during the meeting may send an e-mail to [WestchesterCountyRGB@NYSHCR.org](mailto:WestchesterCountyRGB@NYSHCR.org) requesting that they be placed on a list of speakers no later than June 8, 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 Chair. The Chair will call for the speakers in the order in which they signed up prior to the meeting. 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.

**The public may instead submit written comments addressing the WRGB via the following email: [WestchesterCountyRGB@NYSHCR.ORG](mailto:WestchesterCountyRGB@NYSHCR.ORG). The deadline to submit written comments for this public hearing is June 8, 2020.**

## **RESEARCH & ANALYSIS PRESENTATION MEETING**

**DATE:** Thursday, June 11, 2020

**TIME:** 7:00 PM

For the WRGB to receive a presentation of the DHCR Research & Analysis Unit of the tabulations of data based upon responses of ETPA owners to the annual survey.

## **PUBLIC HEARING #3**

**DATE:** Monday, June 15, 2020

**TIME:** 7:00 PM

To hear testimony from tenants and owners concerning how the Board should determine 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 and for such other business that may come before the Board.

Members of the public wishing to speak via telephone during the meeting may send an e-mail to [WestchesterCountyRGB@NYSHCR.org](mailto:WestchesterCountyRGB@NYSHCR.org) requesting that they be placed on a list of speakers no later than June 14, 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 Chair. The Chair will call for the speakers in the order in which they signed up prior to the meeting. 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.

**The public may instead submit written comments addressing the WRGB via the following email: [WestchesterCountyRGB@NYSHCR.ORG](mailto:WestchesterCountyRGB@NYSHCR.ORG). The deadline to submit written comments for this public hearing is June 14, 2020.**

## **PRESENTATION MEETING**

**DATE:** Tuesday, June 16, 2020

**TIME:** 7:00 PM

For the presentations of the Tenant and Owner representatives regarding the rent guidelines for leases commencing between October 1, 2020 and September 30, 2021.

## **REBUTTAL AND VOTE MEETING**

**DATE:** Tuesday, June 23, 2020

**TIME:** 7:00PM

For the rebuttal presentations of the Tenant and Owner representatives and to vote on rent guidelines for leases commencing between October 1, 2020 and September 30, 2021.

## **CERTIFICATION MEETING**

The WRGB 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.

Elsa Rubin, Chair  
WESTCHESTER COUNTY RENT GUIDELINES BOARD

May 22, 2020