

**RESOLUTION NO. 272**

**AUTHORIZING A ONE-TIME AMNESTY PERIOD FOR REDUCTION OF INTEREST CHARGED ON DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES**

Introduced: 7/13/09

By Audit and Finance Committee, Mr. Commisso, Ms. Benedict, Messrs. Clay, Domalewicz, Houghtaling, Joyce, Ms. Maffia-Tobler, Messrs. Mendick, Clouse, Hoblock, Ms. Lockart, Messrs. Carman, Tunny and Scavo:

WHEREAS, In an effort to reduce the budget deficit facing Albany County, the County Executive's Office has proposed to offer a one-time amnesty period to provide taxpayers a brief 90 day period to clear past-due taxes at a lowered interest rate, and

WHEREAS, During the proposed amnesty period, intended to motivate payments, the interest rate on unpaid delinquent taxes will be reduced by half from 1% added per month to .5% added, and

WHEREAS, There is proposed a handling fee of \$100 per property for all properties in which more than \$1,000 is owed in taxes, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to implement a one-time amnesty period from September 1, 2009 to November 30, 2009 for the reduction of interest charged on delinquent property taxes, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Attorney is authorized to approve as to form and content agreements and documents necessary for the implementation of the aforementioned amnesty program, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the County Legislature is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the appropriate County Officials.

*Adopted by unanimous vote. 7/13/09*