- 1 with the taxable property, with the amount of the exemption shown in a
  2 separate column.
- 5. For the purposes of this section, a residential building shall mean any building or structure designed and occupied exclusively for residential purposes by not more than two families.
  - 6. In the event that a building granted an exemption pursuant to this section ceases to be used primarily for residential purposes, or title thereto is transferred to other than the heirs or distributees of the owner, the exemption granted pursuant to this section shall cease.
- 10 7. (a) A county, city, town or village may, by its local law, or 11 school district, by its resolution:
- 12 <u>(i) reduce the per centum of exemption otherwise allowed pursuant to</u>
  13 <u>this section; and</u>
- 14 <u>(ii) limit eligibility for the exemption to those forms of recon-</u>
  15 <u>struction, alterations, improvements, or new construction as are</u>
  16 <u>prescribed in such local law or resolution.</u>
  - (b) No such local law or resolution shall repeal an exemption granted pursuant to this section until the expiration of the period for which such exemption was granted.
- 20 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately and shall apply to assess-21 ment rolls based on taxable status dates occurring on or after such 22 effective date.

23 PART HH

24 Section 1. The real property law is amended by adding a new article 25 6-A to read as follows:

ARTICLE 6-A
GOOD CAUSE EVICTION LAW

28 Section 210. Short title.

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211. Definitions.

- 212. Applicability in the city of New York.
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- 33 <u>214. Covered housing accommodations.</u>
  - 215. Necessity for good cause.
  - 216. Grounds for removal of tenants.
    - 217. Preservation of existing requirements of law.
- 37 <u>218. Waiver of rights void.</u>
- 38 <u>§ 210. Short title. This article shall be cited as the "good cause</u> 39 <u>eviction law".</u>
- § 211. Definitions. 1. The term "housing accommodation", as used in this article shall mean any residential premises, including any residential premises located within a mixed-use residential premises.
- 2. The term "landlord" as used in this article shall mean any fee owner, lessor, sublessor, assignor, court appointed receiver, or any other person or entity receiving or entitled to receive rent for the occupancy of any housing accommodation or an agent of any of the foregoing.
- 3. (a) The term "small landlord" as used in this article shall mean a landlord of no more than (i) ten units in the state, or (ii) such other number of units in the state designated by local law pursuant to paragraph (b) of subdivision two of section two hundred thirteen of this article.
- 53 (b) If a landlord is a single natural person, then that landlord is a 54 small landlord if they own or are a beneficial owner of, directly or

indirectly, in whole or in part, no more than the number of units estab-1 lished pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subdivision; if there is more 3 than one natural person owner, then no one person may own or be a beneficial owner of, directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, more than the number of units established pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subdivision.

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- (c) If a landlord is an entity, organized under the laws of this state or of any other jurisdiction, then that landlord is a small landlord if each natural person with a direct or indirect ownership interest in the entity or any affiliated entity owns no more than the number of units established pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subdivision. If an entity cannot provide the names of all natural persons with a direct or indirect ownership interest in the entity, such entity shall not qualify as a small landlord.
- 4. The term "tenant" as used in this article shall mean a tenant, sub-tenant, lessee, sublessee, or any other person entitled to the lawful possession, use or occupancy of any housing accommodation. An individual shall not be considered a tenant for the purposes of this article if:
- (a) no landlord-tenant relationship exists, as established pursuant to any of the grounds set forth in section seven hundred thirteen of the real property actions and proceedings law; or
- (b) the individual is an occupant, as defined in paragraph (b) of subdivision one of section two hundred thirty-five-f of this chapter, who has not received the landlord's express or implied consent to use the housing accommodation as their primary residence in exchange for payment of rent.
- 5. The term "rent" as used in this article shall mean any consideration, including any bonus, benefit or gratuity demanded or received for or in connection with the possession, use or occupancy of housing accommodations or the execution or transfer of a lease for such housing accommodations. The term "rent" shall not include any separate charges for services, amenities or facilities which the tenant pays in addition to rent, including but not limited to charges for fitness centers, parking, storage, or facility rentals, provided that such charges are not imposed or increased for the purposes of circumventing this article.
- 6. The term "disabled person" as used in this article shall mean person who has an impairment which results from anatomical, physiological or psychological conditions, other than addiction to alcohol, gambling, or any controlled substance, which are demonstrable by medically acceptable clinical and laboratory diagnostic techniques, and which are expected to be permanent and which substantially limit one or more of such person's major life activities.
- 7. The term "inflation index" shall mean five percent plus the annual percentage change in the consumer price index for all urban consumers for all items as published by the United States bureau of labor statistics for the region in which the housing accommodation is located, as established for the most recent preceding calendar year as shall be published by the division of housing and community renewal no later than the first of August in any given year, provided further that for New York city and any village, town, or city that adopts the provisions of this article by local law pursuant to subdivision one of section two hundred thirteen of this article in the counties of Dutchess, Nassau, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Suffolk, and Westchester, such consumer price index shall be the New York-Newark-Jersey City, NY-NJ-PA consumer price index, and provided further that for any other village, town, or city

that adopts the provisions of this article by local law pursuant to subdivision one of section two hundred thirteen of this article, such consumer price index shall be the Northeast Region consumer price index.

- 4 <u>8. The term "local rent standard" shall mean a rent increase equal to the inflation index or ten percent, whichever is lower.</u>
  - § 212. Applicability in the city of New York. Upon the effective date of this section, this article shall apply to the city of New York.
  - § 213. Voluntary participation by local governments outside the city of New York. 1. Applicability. This article shall apply in any village, town, or a city, other than the city of New York, that, acting through its local legislative body, adopts the provisions of this article by local law.
  - 2. Opt-in by a village, town, or city, other than the city of New York. A village, town, or city that adopts the provisions of this article by local law pursuant to subdivision one of this section may:
  - (a) provide that any unit on or within a housing accommodation shall be exempt from the provisions of this article if such unit has a monthly rent above a percent of fair market rent, as published by the United States department of housing and urban development and as shall be published for each county in the state by the division of housing and community renewal pursuant to subdivision fifteen of section two hundred fourteen of this article, that shall be established in the local law adopted pursuant to subdivision one of this section, provided that if such local law does not establish such percent of fair market rent, any unit on or within a housing accommodation with a monthly rent greater than two hundred forty-five percent of such fair market rent shall be exempt from the provisions of this article; and/or
  - (b) define "small landlord" as a landlord of no more than any number of units in the state that the village, town, or city enacts by local law, provided that if such local law does not define "small landlord," a "small landlord" shall mean a landlord of no more than ten units in the state.
  - 3. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this section, if a town and a village within such town both adopt the provisions of this article by local law pursuant to subdivision one of this section, the local law adopted by such town shall not apply within the territorial limits of a village within such town.
  - 4. Nothing in this section shall permit a village, town, or city to which this article applies to preempt or alter the terms and provisions of this article within such village, town or city.
  - 5. Within thirty days of receipt of a local law adopted pursuant to subdivision one of this section, and filed with the department of state pursuant to section twenty-seven of the municipal home rule law, the department of state shall notify the division of housing and community renewal of such adoption.
  - 6. The division of housing and community renewal shall include in the annual publication required pursuant to subdivision seven of section two hundred eleven of this article a list including any village, town, or city, other than the city of New York, as to which the division of housing and community renewal has received the notice from the department of state required pursuant to subdivision five of this section indicating that such village, town, or city has adopted a local law pursuant to subdivision one of this section to apply the provisions of this article within such village, town, or city. Such list shall include the name of each village, town, or city that has adopted such a local law, the applicable fair market rent threshold within such village, town, or city

for exemption from the provisions of this article established pursuant to paragraph (a) of subdivision two of this section, and the applicable definition of small landlord within such village, town, or city established pursuant to paragraph (b) of subdivision two of this section.

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- § 214. Covered housing accommodations. Where this article applies, it shall apply to all housing accommodations except a:
- 1. premises owned by a small landlord provided that in connection with any eviction proceeding in which the landlord claims an exemption from the provisions of this article on the basis of being a small landlord, such landlord shall provide to the tenant or tenants subject to the proceeding the name of each natural person who owns or is a beneficial owner of, directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, the housing accommodation at issue in the proceeding, the number of units owned, jointly or separately, by each such natural person owner, and the addresses of any such units, excluding each natural person owner's principal residence; provided further that if the landlord is an entity, organized under the laws of this state or of any other jurisdiction, then such landlord shall provide to the tenant or tenants subject to the proceeding the name of each natural person with a direct or indirect ownership interest in such entity or any affiliated entity, the number of units owned, jointly or separately, by each such natural person owner, and the addresses of any such units, excluding each natural person owner's principal residence;
  - 2. owner-occupied housing accommodation with no more then ten units;
- 3. unit on or within a housing accommodation where such unit is sublet pursuant to section two hundred twenty-six-b of this chapter, or otherwise, where the sublessor seeks in good faith to recover possession of such housing accommodation for their own personal use and occupancy;
- 4. unit on or within a housing accommodation where the possession, use or occupancy of which is solely incident to employment and such employment is being or has been lawfully terminated;
- 5. unit on or within a housing accommodation where such unit is otherwise subject to regulation of rents or evictions pursuant to local, state or federal law, rule, or regulation;
- 6. unit on or within a housing accommodation where such unit must be affordable to tenants at a specific income level pursuant to statute, regulation, restrictive declaration, or pursuant to a regulatory agreement with a local, state, or federal government entity;
- 7. unit on or within a housing accommodation owned as a condominium or cooperative, or a unit on or within a housing accommodation subject to an offering plan submitted to the office of the attorney general, provided that nothing herein shall abrogate or otherwise limit any rights or obligations a tenant residing in a unit within a condominium or cooperative or a purchaser, owner, or offeror of a condominium or cooperative unit has pursuant to any other state law;
- 8. housing accommodation for which a temporary or permanent certificate of occupancy was issued on or after the first of January, two thousand nine, for a period of time of thirty years following issuance of such certificate;
- 50 <u>9. unit on or within a housing accommodation that qualifies as a</u>
  51 <u>seasonal use dwelling unit pursuant to subdivisions four and five of</u>
  52 <u>section 7-108 of the general obligations law;</u>
- 10. housing accommodation in a hospital as defined in subdivision one of section twenty-eight hundred one of the public health law, continuing care retirement community licensed pursuant to article forty-six or forty-six-A of the public health law, assisted living residence licensed

pursuant to article forty-six-B of the public health law, adult care facility licensed pursuant to article seven of the social services law, senior residential community that have submitted an offering plan to the attorney general, and not-for-profit independent retirement community that offer personal emergency response, housekeeping, transportation and meals to their residents;

- 11. manufactured home located on or in a manufactured home park as defined in section two hundred thirty-three of the real property law;
- 12. hotel room or other transient use covered by the definition of a class B multiple dwelling under subdivision nine of section four of the multiple dwelling law, regardless of whether such use is located in a jurisdiction in which the multiple dwelling law applies;
- 13. dormitory owned and operated by an institution of higher education or a kindergarten and grades 1 to 12, inclusive, school;
- 14. housing accommodation within and for use by a religious facility or institution; and

15. unit on or within a housing accommodation where the monthly rent is greater than the percent of fair market rent established pursuant to paragraph (a) of subdivision two of section two hundred thirteen of this article in a local law of a village, town, or city, other than the city of New York, adopting the provisions of this article pursuant to subdivision one of section two hundred thirteen of this article, or two hundred forty-five percent of the fair market rent, provided that fair market rent shall refer to the figure published by the United States department of housing and urban development, for the county in which the housing accommodation is located, as shall be published by the division of housing and community renewal no later than the first of August in any given year. The division of housing and community renewal shall publish the fair market rent and two hundred forty-five percent of the fair market rent for each unit type for which such fair market rent is published by the United States department of housing and urban development for each county in New York state in the annual publication required pursuant to subdivision seven of section two hundred eleven of this article.

§ 215. Necessity for good cause. No landlord shall, by action to evict or to recover possession, by exclusion from possession, by failure to renew any lease, or otherwise, remove any tenant from housing accommodations covered by section two hundred fourteen of this article except for good cause as defined in section two hundred sixteen of this article.

§ 216. Grounds for removal of tenants. 1. No landlord shall remove a tenant from any housing accommodation covered by section two hundred fourteen of this article, or attempt such removal or exclusion from possession, notwithstanding that the tenant has no written lease or that the lease or other rental agreement has expired or otherwise terminated, except upon order of a court of competent jurisdiction entered in an appropriate judicial action or proceeding in which the petitioner or plaintiff has established one of the following grounds as good cause for removal or eviction:

(a) (i) The tenant has failed to pay rent due and owing, provided however that the rent due and owing, or any part thereof, did not result from a rent increase which is unreasonable. In determining whether all or part of the rent due and owing is the result of an unreasonable rent increase, it shall be a rebuttable presumption that the rent for a dwelling not protected by rent regulation is unreasonable if said rent has been increased in any calendar year, after the effective date of

this article, or after the effective date of the local law in any village, town, or city that enacts such local law to apply this article to such village, town, or city pursuant to subdivision one of section two hundred thirteen of this article, by an amount greater than the local rent standard, provided further that no rent increase less than or equal to the local rent standard shall be deemed unreasonable.

(ii) Whenever a court considers whether a rent increase is unreasonable, the court may consider all relevant facts, including but not limited to a landlord's costs for fuel and other utilities, insurance, and maintenance; but in all cases, the court shall consider the landlord's property tax expenses and any recent increases thereto; such relevant facts also shall include whether the landlord, other than in circumstances governed by paragraph (d) of this subdivision, seeks in good faith to raise the rent upon a renewal lease to reflect completed significant repairs to the housing accommodation, or to any other part of the building or real property in which the housing accommodation is located, provided that the landlord can establish that the repairs constituted significant repairs and that such repairs did not result from the landlord's failure to properly maintain the building or housing accommodation, and provided further that for the purposes of this subparagraph, "significantly repair" means the replacement or substantial modification of any structural, electrical, plumbing, or mechanical system that requires a permit from a governmental agency, or abatement of hazardous materials, including lead-based paint, mold, or asbestos in accordance with applicable federal, state, and local laws, and provided further cosmetic improvements alone, including painting, decorating, and minor repairs, do not qualify as significant repairs;

(b) The tenant is violating a substantial obligation of their tenancy or breaching any of the landlord's rules and regulations governing said premises, other than the obligation to surrender possession, and has failed to cure such violation after written notice that the violation cease within ten days of receipt of such written notice, provided however, that the obligation of tenancy for which violation is claimed was not imposed for the purpose of circumventing the intent of this article and provided such rules or regulations are reasonable and have been accepted in writing by the tenant or made a part of the lease at the beginning of the lease term;

(c) The tenant is committing or permitting a nuisance in such housing accommodation, or elsewhere in the building or on the real property in which the housing accommodation is located, or is maliciously or by reason of gross negligence substantially damaging the housing accommodation, or causing substantial damage elsewhere in the building or on the real property in which the housing accommodation is located; or the tenant's conduct is such as to interfere with the comfort and safety of the landlord or other tenants or occupants of the same or another adjacent building or structure;

(d) Occupancy of the housing accommodation by the tenant is in violation of or causes a violation of law and the landlord is subject to civil or criminal penalties therefor; provided however that an agency of the state or municipality having jurisdiction has issued an order requiring the tenant to vacate the housing accommodation. No tenant shall be removed from possession of a housing accommodation on such ground unless the court finds that the cure of the violation of law requires the removal of the tenant and that the landlord did not through neglect or deliberate action or failure to act create the condition necessitating the vacate order. In instances where the landlord does not

1 undertake to cure conditions of the housing accommodation causing such violation of the law, the tenant shall have the right to pay or secure 3 payment in a manner satisfactory to the court, to cure such violation provided that any tenant expenditures shall be applied against rent to which the landlord is entitled. In instances where removal of a tenant 6 is absolutely essential to such tenant's health and safety, the removal 7 of the tenant shall be without prejudice to any leasehold interest or other right of occupancy the tenant may have and the tenant shall be 9 entitled to resume possession at such time as the dangerous conditions 10 have been removed. Nothing herein shall abrogate or otherwise limit the 11 right of a tenant to bring an action for monetary damages against 12 landlord or to otherwise compel compliance by the landlord with all 13 applicable state or municipal housing codes;

(e) The tenant is using or permitting the housing accommodation, or elsewhere in the building or on the real property in which the housing accommodation is located, to be used for an illegal purpose;

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- (f) The tenant has unreasonably refused the landlord access to the housing accommodation for the purpose of making necessary repairs or improvements required by law or for the purpose of showing the housing accommodation to a prospective purchaser, mortgagee or other person having a legitimate interest therein;
- (g) The landlord seeks in good faith to recover possession of a housing accommodation for the landlord's own personal use and occupancy as the landlord's principal residence, or the personal use and occupancy as principal residence of the landlord's spouse, domestic partner, child, stepchild, parent, step-parent, sibling, grandparent, grandchild, parent-in-law or sibling-in-law, when no other suitable housing accommodation in such building is available, provided that no judgment in favor of the landlord may be granted pursuant to this paragraph unless the landlord establishes good faith to recover possession of a housing accommodation for the landlord's own personal use and occupancy as the landlord's principal residence, or the personal use and occupancy as a principal residence of the landlord's spouse, domestic partner, child, stepchild, parent, step-parent, sibling, grandparent, grandchild, parent-in-law or sibling-in-law, by clear and convincing evidence. This paragraph shall not apply to a housing accommodation occupied by a tenant who is sixty-five years of age or older or who is a disabled person;
- (h) The landlord in good faith seeks to demolish the housing accommodation, provided that no judgment in favor of the landlord may be granted pursuant to this paragraph unless the landlord establishes good faith to demolish the housing accommodation by clear and convincing evidence;
- (i) The landlord seeks in good faith to withdraw a housing accommodation from the housing rental market, provided that no judgment in favor of the landlord may be granted pursuant to this paragraph unless the landlord establishes good faith to withdraw the housing accommodation from the housing rental market by clear and convincing evidence; or
- (j) The tenant fails to agree to reasonable changes to a lease at renewal, including increases in rent that are not unreasonable as defined in paragraph (a) of this subdivision, as long as written notice of the changes to the lease were provided to the tenant at least thirty days, but no more than ninety days, prior to the expiration of the current lease.
- 55 <u>2. A tenant required to surrender a housing accommodation by virtue of</u> 56 the operation of paragraph (g), (h), or (i) of subdivision one of this

section shall have a cause of action in any court of competent jurisdiction for damages, declaratory, and injunctive relief against a landlord or purchaser of the premises who makes a fraudulent statement regarding a proposed use, removal from the rental housing market, or demolition of the housing accommodation. In any action or proceeding brought pursuant to this subdivision a prevailing tenant shall be entitled to recovery of actual damages, and reasonable attorneys' fees. Except as provided in this subdivision, nothing in this article shall create a civil claim or cause of action by a tenant against a landlord.

- 3. Nothing in this section shall abrogate or limit the tenant's right pursuant to section seven hundred fifty-one of the real property actions and proceedings law to permanently stay the issuance or execution of a warrant or eviction in a summary proceeding, whether characterized as a nonpayment, objectionable tenancy, or holdover proceeding, the underlying basis of which is the nonpayment of rent, so long as the tenant complies with the procedural requirements of section seven hundred fifty-one of the real property actions and proceedings law where applicable.
- § 217. Preservation of existing requirements of law. No action shall be maintainable and no judgment of possession shall be entered for housing accommodations pursuant to section two hundred sixteen of this article, unless the landlord has complied with any and all applicable laws governing such action or proceeding and has complied with any and all applicable laws governing notice to tenants, including without limitation the manner and the time of service of such notice and the contents of such notice.
- § 218. Waiver of rights void. Any agreement by a tenant heretofore or hereinafter entered into in a written lease or other rental agreement waiving or modifying their rights as set forth in this article shall be void as contrary to public policy.
- § 2. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 1 of section 226-c of the real property law, as amended by chapter 789 of the laws of 2021, is amended to read as follows:
- (a) Whenever a landlord intends to offer to renew the tenancy of an occupant in a residential dwelling unit with a rent increase equal to or greater than five percent above the current rent, or the landlord does not intend to renew the tenancy, the landlord shall provide written notice as required in subdivision two of this section. The notice shall append or contain the notice required pursuant to section two hundred thirty-one-c of this article, which shall state the following: (i) if the unit is or is not subject to article six-A of this chapter, the "good cause eviction law", and if the unit is exempt, such notice shall state why the unit is exempt from such law; (ii) if the landlord is not renewing the lease for a unit subject to article six-A of this chapter, the lawful basis for such non-renewal; and (iii) if the landlord is increasing the rent upon an existing lease of a unit subject to article six-A of this chapter above the applicable local rent standard, as defined in subdivision eight of section two hundred eleven of this chapter, the justification for such increase. If the landlord fails to provide timely notice, the occupant's lawful tenancy shall continue under the existing terms of the tenancy from the date on which the landlord gave actual written notice until the notice period has expired, notwithstanding any provision of a lease or other tenancy agreement to the contrary.
- § 3. The real property law is amended by adding a new section 231-c to read as follows:



1 § 231-c. Good cause eviction law notice. 1. A landlord as defined in 2 subdivision two of section two hundred eleven of this chapter shall 3 append to or incorporate into any initial lease, renewal lease, notice required pursuant to paragraph (a) of subdivision one of section two hundred twenty-six-c of this article, notice required pursuant to subdivision two of section seven hundred eleven of the real property actions 7 and proceedings law, or petition pursuant to section seven hundred forty one of the real property actions and proceedings law, the following notice: 9

NOTICE TO TENANT OF APPLICABILITY OR INAPPLICABILITY OF THE NEW YORK 10

STATE GOOD CAUSE EVICTION LAW 11

This notice from your landlord serves to inform you of whether or not 13 your unit/apartment/home is covered by the New York State Good Cause 14 Eviction Law (Article 6-A of the Real Property Law) and, if applicable, the reason permitted under the New York State Good Cause Eviction Law 16 that your landlord is not renewing your lease. Even if your apartment is 17 not protected by Article 6-A, known as the New York State Good Cause Eviction Law, you may have other rights under other local, state, or 18 19 federal laws and regulations concerning rents and evictions. This notice, which your landlord is required to fill out and give to you, 20

21 does not constitute legal advice. You may wish to consult a lawyer if 22 you have any questions about your rights under the New York State Good

Cause Eviction Law or about this notice. 23

NOTICE (THIS SHOULD BE FILLED OUT BY YOUR LANDLORD)

25 UNIT INFORMATION

26 STREET:

27 28 UNIT OR APARTMENT NUMBER: 29 CITY/TOWN/VILLAGE: 30 31 32 **STATE:** 33 34 ZIP CODE:

35 36 1. IS THIS UNIT SUBJECT TO ARTICLE 6-A OF THE REAL PROPERTY LAW,

37 AS THE NEW YORK STATE GOOD CAUSE EVICTION LAW? (PLEASE MARK APPLICABLE 38 ANSWER)

39 YES

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41 2. IF THE UNIT IS EXEMPT FROM ARTICLE 6-A OF THE REAL PROPERTY LAW, 42 KNOWN AS THE NEW YORK STATE GOOD CAUSE EVICTION LAW, WHY IS IT EXEMPT

FROM THAT LAW? (PLEASE MARK ALL APPLICABLE EXEMPTIONS)

44 A. Village/Town/City outside of New York City has not adopted good cause

45 eviction under section 213 of the Real Property Law ;

B. Unit is owned by a "small landlord," as defined in subdivision 3 of

47 section 211 of the Real Property Law, who owns no more than 10 units for

small landlords located in New York City or the number of units estab-48 49 lished as the maximum amount a "small landlord" can own in the state by

50 a local law of a village, town, or city, other than New York City,

51 adopting the provisions of Article 6-A of the Real Property Law, known

as the New York State Good Cause Eviction Law, or no more than 10 units,

53 as applicable. In connection with any eviction proceeding in which the

54 landlord claims an exemption from the provisions of Article 6-A of the

Real Property Law, known as the New York State Good Cause Eviction Law, 55

on the basis of being a small landlord, the landlord shall provide to

the tenant or tenants subject to the proceeding the name of each natural 1 person who owns or is a beneficial owner of, directly or indirectly, in 3 whole or in part, the housing accommodation at issue in the proceeding, the number of units owned, jointly or separately, by each such natural person owner, and the addresses of any such units, excluding each 6 natural person owner's principal residence. If the landlord is an enti-7 ty, organized under the laws of this state or of any other jurisdiction, then such landlord shall provide to the tenant or tenants subject to the 9 proceeding the name of each natural person with a direct or indirect 10 ownership interest in such entity or any affiliated entity, the number 11 of units owned, jointly or separately, by each such natural person 12 owner, and the addresses of any such units, excluding each natural 13 person owner's principal residence (exemption under subdivision 1 of 14 section 214 of the Real Property Law) ; C. Unit is located in an owner-occupied housing accommodation with no

- 15 <u>C. Unit is located in an owner-occupied housing accommodation with no</u>
  16 more than 10 units (exemption under subdivision 2 of section 214 of the
  17 Real Property Law) ;
- 18 <u>D. Unit is subject to regulation of rents or evictions pursuant to</u>
  19 <u>local, state, or federal law (exemption under subdivision 5 of section</u>
  20 <u>214 of the Real Property Law)</u>;
- E. Unit must be affordable to tenants at a specific income level pursuant to ant to statute, regulation, restrictive declaration, or pursuant to a regulatory agreement with a local, state, or federal government entity (exemption under subdivision 6 of section 214 of the Real Property Law);
- F. Unit is on or within a housing accommodation owned as a condominium or cooperative, or unit is on or within a housing accommodation subject to an offering plan submitted to the office of the attorney general (exemption under subdivision 7 of section 214 of the Real Property Law);
- 31 G. Unit is in a housing accommodation that was issued a temporary or
  32 permanent certificate of occupancy within the past 30 years (only if
  33 building received the certificate on or after January 1st, 2009)
  34 (exemption under subdivision 8 of section 214 of the Real Property Law)
  35 \_\_\_;
- 36 H. Unit is a seasonal use dwelling unit under subdivisions 4 and 5 of section 7-108 of the General Obligations Law (exemption under subdivision 9 of section 214 of the Real Property Law);
- I. Unit is in a hospital as defined in subdivision 1 of section 2801 of 39 40 the Public Health Law, continuing care retirement community licensed 41 pursuant to Article 46 or 46-A of the Public Health Law, assisted living 42 residence licensed pursuant to Article 46-B of the Public Health Law, adult care facility licensed pursuant to Article 7 of the Social 44 Services Law, senior residential community that has submitted an offer-45 ing plan to the attorney general, or not-for-profit independent retirement community that offers personal emergency response, housekeeping, 47 transportation and meals to their residents (exemption under subdivision
- 48 10 of section 214 of the Real Property Law) ;
- 49 <u>J. Unit is a manufactured home located on or in a manufactured home park</u> 50 <u>as defined in section 233 of the Real Property Law (exemption under</u>
- 51 <u>subdivision 11 of section 214 of the Real Property Law)</u>
- 52 K. Unit is a hotel room or other transient use covered by the definition
- 53 of a class B multiple dwelling under subdivision 9 of section 4 of the
- 54 Multiple Dwelling Law (exemption under subdivision 12 of section 214 of
- 55 the Real Property Law) ;



1 L. Unit is a dormitory owned and operated by an institution of higher education or a school (exemption under subdivision 13 of section 214 of 3 the Real Property Law) i M. Unit is within and for use by a religious facility or institution (exemption under subdivision 14 of section 214 of the Real Property Law) 6 7 N. Unit has a monthly rent that is greater than the percent of fair market rent established in a local law of a village, town, or city, 9 other than New York City, adopting the provisions of Article 6-A of the 10 Real Property Law, known as the New York Good Cause Eviction Law, or 245 11 percent of the fair market rent, as applicable. Fair market rent refers 12 to the figure published by the United States Department of Housing and 13 Urban Development, for the county in which the housing accommodation is 14 located, as shall be published by the Division of Housing and Community 15 Renewal no later than August 1st in any given year. The Division of 16 Housing and Community Renewal shall publish the fair market rent and 245 17 percent of the fair market rent for each unit type for which such fair market rent is published by the United States Department of Housing and 18 19 Urban Development for each county in New York State in the annual publi-20 cation required pursuant to subdivision 7 of section 211 of the Real 21 Property Law (exemption under subdivision 15 of section 214 of the Real 22 Property Law) 3. IF THIS UNIT IS SUBJECT TO ARTICLE 6-A OF THE REAL PROPERTY LAW, 23 24 AS THE NEW YORK STATE GOOD CAUSE EVICTION LAW, AND THIS NOTICE 25 SERVES TO INFORM A TENANT THAT THE LANDLORD IS INCREASING THE RENT ABOVE 26 THE THRESHOLD FOR PRESUMPTIVELY UNREASONABLE RENT INCREASES, WHAT IS THE 27 LANDLORD'S JUSTIFICATION FOR INCREASING THE RENT ABOVE THE THRESHOLD FOR 28 PRESUMPTIVELY UNREASONABLE RENT INCREASES? (A rent increase is presump-29 tively unreasonable if the increase from the prior rent is greater than the lower of: (a) 5 percent plus the annual percentage change in the 30 31 consumer price index for all urban consumers for all items as published 32 by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics for the region in which 33 the housing accommodation is located, as published not later than August 34 1st of each year by the Division of Housing and Community Renewal; or 35 (b) 10 percent.) (PLEASE MARK AND FILL OUT THE APPLICABLE RESPONSE) 36 A. The rent is not being increased above the threshold for presumptively 37 unreasonable rent increases described above: ; 38 B. The rent is being increased above the threshold for presumptively 39 unreasonable rent increases described above: ; B-1: If the rent is being increased above the threshold for presumptive-41 ly unreasonable rent increases described above, what is the justifica-42 tion for the increase: 43 44 45 46 47 4. IF THIS UNIT IS SUBJECT TO ARTICLE 6-A OF THE REAL PROPERTY LAW, KNOWN AS THE NEW YORK STATE GOOD CAUSE EVICTION LAW, AND THIS NOTICE 48 49 SERVES TO INFORM A TENANT THAT THE LANDLORD IS NOT RENEWING A LEASE, 50 WHAT IS THE GOOD CAUSE FOR NOT RENEWING THE LEASE? (PLEASE MARK ALL

50 WHAT IS THE GOOD CAUSE FOR NOT RENEWING THE LEASE? (PLEASE MARK ALL APPLICABLE REASONS)
52 A. This unit is exempt from Article 6-A of the Real Property Law, known as the New York State Good Cause Eviction Law, for the reasons stated in response to question 2, above (IF THIS ANSWER IS CHECKED, NO OTHER

55 ANSWERS TO THIS QUESTION SHOULD BE CHECKED): ;

B. The tenant is receiving this notice in connection with a first lease 1 or a renewal lease, so the landlord does not need to check any of the 3 lawful reasons listed below for not renewing a lease under Article 6-A of the Real Property Law, known as the New York State Good Cause Eviction Law (IF THIS ANSWER IS CHECKED, NO OTHER ANSWERS TO THIS QUES-5 TION SHOULD BE CHECKED) ; 6 7 C. The landlord is not renewing the lease because the unit is sublet and the sublessor seeks in good faith to recover possession of the unit for 9 their own personal use and occupancy (exemption under subdivision 3 of 10 section 214 of the Real Property Law): ; 11 D. The landlord is not renewing the lease because the possession, use or 12 occupancy of the unit is solely incident to employment and the employ-13 ment is being or has been lawfully terminated (exemption under subdivi-14 sion 4 of section 214 of the Real Property Law): ; 15 E. The landlord is not renewing the lease because the tenant has failed 16 to pay rent due and owing, and the rent due or owing, or any part there-17 of, did not result from a rent increase which is unreasonable. A rent increase is presumptively unreasonable if the increase from the prior 18 19 rent is greater than the lower of: (a) 5 percent plus the annual 20 percentage change in the consumer price index for all urban consumers 21 for all items as published by the United States Bureau of Labor Statis-22 tics for the region in which the housing accommodation is located, as 23 published not later than August 1st of each year by the Division of Housing and Community Renewal; or (b) 10 percent (good cause for 24 25 eviction under paragraph a of subdivision 1 of section 216 of the Real 26 Property Law): \_\_\_\_<u>;</u> 27 F. The landlord is not renewing the lease because the tenant is violat-28 ing a substantial obligation of their tenancy or breaching any of the 29 landlord's rules and regulations governing the premises, other than the 30 obligation to surrender possession of the premises, and the tenant has 31 failed to cure the violation after written notice that the violation 32 must cease within 10 days of receipt of the written notice. For this 33 good cause to apply, the obligation the tenant violated cannot be an 34 obligation that was imposed for the purpose of circumventing the intent 35 of Article 6-A of the Real Property Law, known as the New York State 36 Good Cause Eviction Law. The landlord's rules or regulations that the 37 tenant has violated also must be reasonable and have been accepted in 38 writing by the tenant or made a part of the lease at the beginning of 39 the lease term (good cause for eviction under paragraph b of subdivision 40 1 of section 216 of the Real Property Law): ; 41 G. The landlord is not renewing the lease because the tenant is either 42 (a) committing or permitting a nuisance on the unit or the premises; (b) 43 maliciously or grossly negligently causing substantial damage to the 44 unit or the premises; (c) interfering with the landlord's, another 45 tenant's, or occupants of the same or an adjacent building or structure's comfort and safety (good cause for eviction under paragraph c of 46 47 subdivision 1 of section 216 of the Real Property Law): ; 48 H. The landlord is not renewing the lease because the tenant's occupancy 49 the unit violates law and the landlord is subject to civil or crimi-50 nal penalties for continuing to let the tenant occupy the unit. For this 51 good cause to apply, a state or municipal agency having jurisdiction must have issued an order requiring the tenant to vacate the unit. No 53 tenant shall be removed from possession of a unit on this basis unless

the court finds that the cure of the violation of law requires the

removal of the tenant and that the landlord did not, through neglect or

deliberate action or failure to act, create the condition necessitating

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the vacate order. If the landlord does not try to cure the conditions 1 causing the violation of the law, the tenant has the right to pay or 3 secure payment, in a manner satisfactory to the court, to cure the violation. Any tenant expenditures to cure the violation shall be applied against rent owed to the landlord. Even if removal of a tenant 5 6 is absolutely essential to the tenant's health and safety, the tenant 7 shall be entitled to resume possession at such time as the dangerous conditions have been removed. The tenant also retains the right to 9 bring an action for monetary damages against the landlord or to otherwise compel the landlord to comply with all applicable state or munici-10 11 pal housing codes (good cause for eviction under paragraph d of subdivi-12 sion 1 of section 216 of the Real Property Law): \_\_\_<u>;</u> 13 I. The landlord is not renewing the lease because the tenant is using or 14 permitting the unit or premises to be used for an illegal purpose (good 15 cause for eviction under paragraph e of subdivision 1 of section 216 of 16 the Real Property Law): ; 17 J. The landlord is not renewing the lease because the tenant has unreasonably refused the landlord access to the unit for the purposes of 18 19 making necessary repairs or improvements required by law or for the 20 purposes of showing the premises to a prospective purchaser, mortgagee, 21 or other person with a legitimate interest in the premises (good cause 22 for eviction under paragraph f of subdivision 1 of section 216 of the 23 Real Property Law): ; 24 K. The landlord is not renewing the lease because the landlord seeks in 25 good faith to recover possession of the unit for the landlord's personal use and occupancy as the landlord's principal residence, or for the 26 27 personal use and occupancy as a principal residence by the landlord's 28 spouse, domestic partner, child, stepchild, parent, step-parent, sibling, grandparent, grandchild, parent-in-law, or sibling-in-law. The 29 landlord can only recover the unit for these purposes if there is no 30 other suitable housing accommodation in the building that is available. 31 Under no circumstances can the landlord recover the unit for these 32 33 purposes if the tenant is (a) 65 years old or older; or (b) a "disabled 34 person" as defined in subdivision 6 of section 211 of the Real Property 35 Law. To establish this good cause in an eviction proceeding, the land-36 lord must establish good faith to recover possession of a housing accom-37 modation for the uses described herein by clear and convincing evidence 38 (good cause for eviction under paragraph g of subdivision 1 of section 216 of the Real Property Law): ; 39 40 L. The landlord is not renewing the lease because the landlord in good 41 faith seeks to demolish the housing accommodation. To establish this 42 good cause in an eviction proceeding, the landlord must establish good 43 faith to demolish the housing accommodation by clear and convincing 44 evidence (good cause for eviction under paragraph h of subdivision 1 of 45 section 216 of the Real Property Law): ; 46 M. The landlord is not renewing the lease because the landlord seeks in 47 good faith to withdraw the unit from the housing rental market. To 48 establish this good cause in an eviction proceeding, the landlord must establish good faith to withdraw the unit from the rental housing market 49 50 by clear and convincing evidence (good cause for eviction under para-51 graph i of subdivision 1 of section 216 of the Real Property Law): ;

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N. The landlord is not renewing the lease because the tenant has failed

to agree to reasonable changes at lease renewal, including reasonable

increases in rent, and the landlord gave written notice of the changes to the lease to the tenant at least 30 days, but no more than 90 days,

before the current lease expired. A rent increase is presumptively

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1 unreasonable if the increase from the prior rent is greater than the
2 lower of: (a) 5 percent plus the annual percentage change in the consum3 er price index for all urban consumers for all items as published by the
4 United States Bureau of Labor Statistics for the region in which the
5 housing accommodation is located, as published by August 1st of each
6 year by the Division of Housing and Community Renewal; or (b) 10 percent
7 (good cause for eviction under paragraph j of subdivision 1 of section
8 216 of the Real Property Law):

§ 4. Subdivision 2 of section 711 of the real property actions and proceedings law, as amended by section 12 of part M of chapter 36 of the laws of 2019, is amended to read as follows:

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- The tenant has defaulted in the payment of rent, pursuant to the agreement under which the premises are held, and a written demand of the rent has been made with at least fourteen days' notice requiring, in the alternative, the payment of the rent, or the possession of the premises, has been served upon [him] the tenant as prescribed in section seven hundred thirty-five of this article. The fourteen-day notice shall append or contain the notice required pursuant to section two hundred thirty-one-c of the real property law, which shall state the following: (i) if the premises are or are not subject to article six-A of the real property law, the "good cause eviction law", and if the premises are exempt, such notice shall state why the premises are exempt from such law; (ii) if the landlord is not renewing the lease for a unit subject to article six-A of the real property law, the lawful basis for such non-renewal; and (iii) if the landlord is increasing the rent upon an existing lease of a unit subject to article six-A of the real property law above the applicable local rent standard, as defined in subdivision eight of section two hundred eleven of the real property law, the justification for such increase. Any person succeeding to the landlord's interest in the premises may proceed under this subdivision for rent due [his] such person's predecessor in interest if [he has] such person has a right thereto. Where a tenant dies during the term of the lease and rent due has not been paid and the apartment is occupied by a person with a claim to possession, a proceeding may be commenced naming the occupants of the apartment seeking a possessory judgment only as against the estate. Entry of such a judgment shall be without prejudice to the possessory claims of the occupants, and any warrant issued shall not be effective as against the occupants.
- § 5. Section 741 of the real property actions and proceedings law is amended by adding two new subdivisions 5-a and 5-b to read as follows:
- 5-a. Append or incorporate the notice required pursuant to section two hundred thirty-one-c of the real property law, which shall state the following: (i) if the premises are or are not subject to article six-A of the real property law, the "good cause eviction law", and if the premises are exempt, such petition shall state why the premises are exempt from such law; (ii) if the landlord is not renewing the lease for a unit subject to article six-A of the real property law, the lawful basis for such non-renewal; and (iii) if the landlord is increasing the rent upon an existing lease of a unit subject to article six-A of the real property law above the applicable local rent standard, as defined in subdivision eight of section two hundred eleven of the real property law, the justification for such increase.
- 53 <u>5-b. If the petitioner claims exemption from the provisions of article</u> 54 <u>six-A of the real property law pursuant to subdivision one of section</u> 55 <u>two hundred fourteen of the real property law, append or incorporate the</u>

information required pursuant to subdivision one of section two hundred fourteen of the real property law.

- § 6. Severability. If any provision of this act, or any application of any provision of this act, is held to be invalid, that shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of any other provision of this act, or of any other application of any provision of this act, which can be given effect without that provision or application; and to that end, the provisions and applications of this act are severable.
- § 7. This act shall take effect immediately and shall apply to actions and proceedings commenced on or after such effective date; provided, however, that:
- (a) sections two, three, four, and five of this act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after this act shall have become a law;
  - (b) this act shall expire and be deemed repealed on June 15, 2034; and
- (c) any local law as may be enacted pursuant to subdivision 1 of 213 of article 6-A of the real property law established by section one of this act shall remain in full force and effect only until June 15, 2034.
- 18 Effective immediately, the addition, amendment, and/or repeal of any 19 rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its 20 effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such 21 date.

22 PART II

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23 Section 1. The opening paragraph of section 711 of the real property 24 actions and proceedings law, as amended by section 12 of part M of chap-25 ter 36 of the laws of 2019, is amended to read as follows:

A tenant shall include an occupant of one or more rooms in a rooming house or a resident, not including a transient occupant, of one or more rooms in a hotel who has been in possession for thirty consecutive days or longer. A tenant shall not include a squatter. For the purposes of this section, a squatter is a person who enters onto or intrudes upon real property without the permission of the person entitled to possession, and continues to occupy the property without title, right or permission of the owner or owner's agent or a person entitled to possession. In the event of a conflict between the provisions regarding squatters of this section and the provisions of subdivision three of section seven hundred thirteen of this article, the provisions of section seven hundred thirteen of this article shall be controlling. No tenant or lawful occupant of a dwelling or housing accommodation shall be removed from possession except in a special proceeding. A special proceeding may be maintained under this article upon the following grounds:

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

43 PART JJ

44 Section 1. Section 421-a of the real property tax law is amended by 45 adding a new subdivision 18 to read as follows:

- 18. (a) For the purposes of this subdivision:
- 47 <u>(i) "Agency" shall have the same meaning as in subparagraph (xvi) of</u>
  48 paragraph (a) of subdivision sixteen of this section.
- 49 (ii) "Audit" shall mean any audit of an eligible property performed by
  50 the agency under the program created by the agency pursuant to paragraph
  51 (b) of this subdivision.

