

CHAPTER 12

LOCAL PROPERTY TAX: GENERAL

Authority

N.J.S.A. 54:1-35.1, 54:1-35.35, 54:3-14, 54:4-1, 54:4-8.66d, 54:4-23.21, 54:4-26 and 54:50-1.

Source and Effective Date

R.2011 d.067, effective January 27, 2011.
See: 42 N.J.R. 2749(a), 43 N.J.R. 450(a).

Chapter Expiration Date

Chapter 12, Local Property Tax: General, expires on January 27, 2016.

Chapter Historical Note

Chapter 12, General, was filed and became effective prior to September 1, 1969 with Subchapter 1, Categories of Nonusable Deed Transactions; Subchapter 2, Preparation of Local Property Tax List and Duplicate, and Subchapter 3, Preparation and Filing of Exempt Property Tax List and Duplicate.

Subchapter 4, Revaluation of Real Property by Appraisal Forms, was adopted as R.1972 d.179, effective September 13, 1972. See: 4 N.J.R. 197(b), 4 N.J.R. 249(a). Subchapter 4 was repealed and new rules adopted as R.1983 d.221, effective June 20, 1983. See: 15 N.J.R. 322(a), 15 N.J.R. 1039(a).

Subchapter 5, Property Tax Appeals, was adopted as R.1973 d.144, effective June 1, 1973. See: 5 N.J.R. 167(c), 5 N.J.R. 247(a). Section 5.1 was amended by R.1991 d.511, effective October 21, 1991. See: 23 N.J.R. 2230(a), 23 N.J.R. 3177(a). Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Subchapter 5 expired on July 29, 1993.

Section 6.1, Definitions, of Subchapter 6 was adopted as R.1976 d.172, effective June 3, 1976. See: 8 N.J.R. 259(b), 8 N.J.R. 356(b). Subchapter 6, Allowance of Home Improvement Exemptions, was adopted as R.1976 d.185, effective June 10, 1976. See: 7 N.J.R. 522(b), 8 N.J.R. 356(d). Amendments to Subchapter 6 were adopted as R.1978 d.287, effective August 15, 1978. See: 10 N.J.R. 301(a), 10 N.J.R. 407(c). Subchapter 6 was replaced by a new Subchapter 6, One and Two Unit Residences, and Subchapter 6A, Multiple Dwellings, by Emergency Amendment R.1980 d.253, effective June 16, 1980. See: 12 N.J.R. 436(b). Section 6A.6, Construction permit; certificate of occupancy, was adopted as Emergency Rule R.1980 d.335, effective July 28, 1980. See: 12 N.J.R. 554(c). Section 6A.7, Notification of disallowance, was adopted as R.1980 d.553, effective December 22, 1980. See: 12 N.J.R. 614(b), 13 N.J.R. 111(b). Section 6A.8, Supplemental procedural rules for assessors, was adopted as R.1982 d.78, effective March 15, 1982. See: 14 N.J.R. 72(b), 14 N.J.R. 278(b). Section 6A.8 was amended by R.1983 d.256, effective July 5, 1983. See: 15 N.J.R. 613(a), 15 N.J.R. 1105(a). Sections 6A.1 and 6A.2 were amended by R.1984 d.550, effective December 17, 1984. See: 16 N.J.R. 2424(a), 16 N.J.R. 3480(a). Subchapter 6, Home Improvement Exemption: One and Two Unit Residences, and Subchapter 6A, Home Improvement Exemptions: Multiple Dwellings, were repealed by R.1993 d.130, effective March 15, 1993. See: 24 N.J.R. 4335(a), 25 N.J.R. 1228(c).

Subchapter 7, Homestead Tax Rebate, was adopted as Emergency Rule R.1976 d.333, effective October 21, 1976. See: 8 N.J.R. 582(c). New Subchapter 7 was adopted as R.1978 d.4, effective January 4, 1978. See: 9 N.J.R. 596(a), 10 N.J.R. 81(b). Section 7.1 was amended by R.1977 d.130, effective April 14, 1977. See: 9 N.J.R. 143(a), 9 N.J.R. 245(a); by R.1978 d.411, effective December 5, 1978. See: 10 N.J.R. 518(a), 11 N.J.R. 51(d); by R.1979 d.432, effective October 26, 1979. See: 11 N.J.R. 525(a), 11 N.J.R. 650(a); by R.1989 d.146, effective March 20, 1989. See: 21 N.J.R. 16(b), 21 N.J.R. 778(c). Section 7.2 was amended by R.1977 d.130, effective April 14, 1977. See: 9 N.J.R.

143(a), 9 N.J.R. 245(a); by R.1978 d.411, effective December 5, 1978. See: 10 N.J.R. 518(a), 11 N.J.R. 51(d). Section 7.3 was amended by R.1977 d.130, effective April 14, 1977. See: 9 N.J.R. 143(a), 9 N.J.R. 245(a). Sections 7.4 and 7.10 were amended by R.1978 d.411, effective December 5, 1978. See: 10 N.J.R. 518(a), 11 N.J.R. 51(d); by R.1987 d.477, effective November 16, 1987. See: 19 N.J.R. 1637(a), 19 N.J.R. 2201(a). Section 7.5 was amended by R.1977 d.130, effective April 14, 1977. See: 9 N.J.R. 143(a), 9 N.J.R. 245(a). Sections 7.9, 7.10 and 7.11 were amended by R.1977 d.130, effective April 14, 1977. See: 9 N.J.R. 143(a), 9 N.J.R. 245(a). Section 7.12 was amended by R.1976 d.339, effective October 29, 1976. See: 8 N.J.R. 586(c); by R.1977 d.90, effective March 16, 1977. See: 9 N.J.R. 199(b); by R.1977 d.448, effective November 30, 1977. See: 10 N.J.R. 44(a); by R.1978 d.10, effective January 18, 1978. See: 10 N.J.R. 81(c); by R.1978 d.406, effective November 28, 1978. See: 11 N.J.R. 51(b); by R.1978 d.411, effective December 5, 1978. See: 10 N.J.R. 518(a), 11 N.J.R. 51(d); by R.1979 d.467, effective November 28, 1979. See: 12 N.J.R. 56(b); by R.1980 d.517, effective December 1, 1980. See: 13 N.J.R. 47(a); amended on an emergency basis by R.1981 d.474, effective December 1, 1981. See: 13 N.J.R. 948(b); readopted, R.1982 d.41, effective February 2, 1982. See: 14 N.J.R. 212(a); amended on an emergency basis by R.1982 d.439, effective November 30, 1982 and expired on February 1, 1983. See: 14 N.J.R. 1466(a); amended on an emergency basis by R.1983 d.582, effective December 1, 1983. See: 15 N.J.R. 2177(a); amended on an emergency basis by R.1984 d.15, effective January 17, 1984. See: 16 N.J.R. 252(b); amended on an emergency basis by R.1984 d.584, effective December 4, 1984 and expired February 4, 1985. See: 16 N.J.R. 3498(a), 17 N.J.R. 740(a), 17 N.J.R. 746(b). Correction: Date changed in (h) to March 1, 1984; emergency amendment, R.1985 d.655, effective December 5, 1985 (expired February 3, 1986). See: 18 N.J.R. 107(a); readopted, R.1986 d.64, effective March 17, 1986. See: 18 N.J.R. 107(a), 18 N.J.R. 568(b); emergency amendment, R.1986 d.482, effective December 1, 1986 (expired January 30, 1987). See: 18 N.J.R. 2460(a); readopted, R.1987 d.223, effective May 18, 1987. See: 18 N.J.R. 2460(a), 19 N.J.R. 884(a); emergency amendment, R.1987 d.537, effective December 2, 1987 (expired January 31, 1988). See: 19 N.J.R. 2498(a); emergency amendment, R.1988 d.109, effective March 7, 1988. See: 19 N.J.R. 2498(a), 20 N.J.R. 547(a); amended by R.1989 d.146, effective March 20, 1989. See: 21 N.J.R. 16(b), 21 N.J.R. 778(c). Sections 7.13 and 7.14, new rules, R.1978 d.411, effective December 5, 1978. See: 10 N.J.R. 518(a), 11 N.J.R. 51(d). Section 7.15, emergency new rule, R.1991 d.251, effective April 6, 1991 (expired June 15, 1991). See: 23 N.J.R. 1464. Adoption of concurrent proposal, R.1991 d.527, effective November 4, 1991. See: 23 N.J.R. 1464(a), 23 N.J.R. 3345(a). Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Subchapter 7 expired on July 29, 1993.

Subchapter 8, Exemptions: Solar Energy Heating and Cooling Systems, was adopted as R.1978 d.225, effective July 7, 1978. See: 10 N.J.R. 264(c), 10 N.J.R. 264(a). Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Subchapter 8 was readopted by R.1983 d.355, effective August 12, 1983. See: 15 N.J.R. 1082(a), 15 N.J.R. 1487(b). Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Subchapter 8 expired on July 29, 1993.

Subchapter 9, Moratorium on Taxation of Mobile Homes as Real Property, was adopted as R.1980 d.147, effective April 9, 1980. See: 12 N.J.R. 160(a), 12 N.J.R. 293(c). Sections 9.3, 9.5 and 9.6 were amended by R.1981 d.207, effective July 9, 1981. See: 13 N.J.R. 162(b), 13 N.J.R. 462(c). Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Subchapter 9 expired on July 29, 1993.

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 12, General, was readopted as R.1983 d.355, effective August 12, 1983. See: 15 N.J.R. 1082(a), 15 N.J.R. 1487(b).

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 12, General, was readopted as R.1988 d.408, effective July 29, 1988. See: 20 N.J.R. 1066(a), 20 N.J.R. 2319(a). Subchapter 10, Real Property Defined, was adopted as R.1988 d.581, effective December 19, 1988. See: 20 N.J.R. 1787(a), 20 N.J.R. 3142(c).

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 12, General, was readopted as R.1993 d.482, effective October 4, 1993. See: 25 N.J.R. 2652(a), 25 N.J.R. 4604(b). Subchapter 7, Homestead Property Tax Rebate, was adopted as R.1994 d.136, effective March 21, 1994. See: 26 N.J.R. 109(b), 26 N.J.R. 1370(a).

Subchapter 11, Disabled Veteran's Property Tax Exemption: Retroactive Reimbursement, was adopted as R.1998 d.70, effective January 20, 1998. See: 29 N.J.R. 4411(a), 30 N.J.R. 380(a).

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 12, General, was readopted as R.1998 d.421, effective July 21, 1998. See: 30 N.J.R. 1922(a), 30 N.J.R. 3066(b).

Subchapter 8, New Jersey Saver, was adopted R.1999 d.316, effective August 20, 1999, to expire February 20, 2000. See: 31 N.J.R. 2644(a). Subchapter 8, New Jersey Saver, was adopted as R.2000 d.82, effective February 7, 2000. See: 31 N.J.R. 2711(a); 32 N.J.R. 814(b).

Chapter 12, General, expired on July 21, 2003.

Chapter 12, Local Property Tax: General, was adopted as new rules by R.2005 d.366, effective November 21, 2005. See: 37 N.J.R. 1128(a), 37 N.J.R. 4462(a).

Chapter 12, Local Property Tax: General, was readopted as R.2011 d.067, effective January 27, 2011. See: Source and Effective Date. See, also, section annotations.

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SUBCHAPTER 1. CATEGORIES OF NONUSABLE DEED TRANSACTIONS

18:12-1.1 Categories enumerated

(a) The deed transactions of the following categories are not usable in determining assessment-sales ratios pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:1-35.1 et seq.:

1. Sales between members of the immediate family;
2. Sales in which "love and affection" are stated to be part of the consideration;
3. Sales between a corporation and its stockholder, its subsidiary, its affiliate or another corporation whose stock is in the same ownership;
4. Transfers of convenience; for example, for the sole purpose of correcting defects in title, a transfer by a husband either through a third party or directly to himself and his wife for the purpose of creating a tenancy by the entirety, etc.;
5. Transfers deemed not to have taken place within the sampling period. Sampling period is defined as the period from July 1 to June 30, inclusive, preceding the date of promulgation, except as hereinafter stated. The recording date of the deed within this period is the determining date since it is the date of official record. Where the date of deed or date of formal sales agreement occurred prior to January 1, next preceding the commencement date of the sampling period, the sale shall be nonusable;
6. Sales of property conveying only a portion of the assessed unit, usually referred to as apportionments, split-offs or cut-offs; for example, a parcel sold out of a larger tract where the assessment is for the larger tract;
7. Sales of property substantially improved subsequent to assessment and prior to the sale thereof;
8. Sales of an undivided interest in real property;
9. Sales of properties that are subject to an outstanding Municipal Tax Sales Certificate, a lien for more than one year in unpaid taxes on real property pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:5-6, or other governmental lien;
10. Sales by guardians, trustees, executors and administrators;
11. Judicial sales such as partition sales;
12. Sheriff's sales;
13. Sales in proceedings in bankruptcy, receivership or assignment for the benefit of creditors and dissolution or liquidation sales;
14. Sales of doubtful title including, but not limited to, quit-claim deeds;
15. Sales to or from the United States of America, the State of New Jersey, or any political subdivision of the State of New Jersey, including boards of education and public authorities;