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Bill No. 113

### **CITY OF HAMILTON**

### BY-LAW NO. 10-113

### A By-law to Adopt Municipal Options for Tax Capping

**WHEREAS** subsection 329 of the <u>Municipal Act, 2001</u>, S.O. 2001, c. 25, provides for a cap which determines the maximum taxes for which particular classes of real property are liable during the taxation year 2010;

**AND WHEREAS** paragraph 329.1(1)1 of the <u>Municipal Act, 2001</u>, S.O. 2001, c. 25, authorizes the City of Hamilton to enact a by-law to establish a percentage greater than 5% and less than or equal to 10% by which tax increases shall be limited in respect of properties in the Commercial, Industrial and Multi-Residential property tax classes;

**AND WHEREAS** paragraph 329.1(1)3 of the <u>Municipal Act, 2001</u>, S.O. 2001, c. 25, authorizes the City of Hamilton to enact a by-law to establish a dollar amount threshold greater than \$0 and less than or equal to \$250 by which capped properties in the Commercial, Industrial and Multi-Residential property tax classes move to their full Current Value Assessment taxes if they are at or below this dollar amount threshold of their Current Value Assessment taxes for 2010;

**AND WHEREAS** paragraph 329.1(1)8 of the <u>Municipal Act, 2001</u>, S.O. 2001, c. 25, authorizes the City of Hamilton to enact a by-law to establish a percentage greater than 0% and less than or equal to 100% by which the amount of full Current Value Assessment taxes for a property which becomes an eligible property within the meaning of subsection 331(20) of the <u>Municipal Act, 2001</u>, S.O. 2001, c. 25 shall be limited in respect of properties in the Commercial, Industrial and Multi-Residential property tax classes;

**AND WHEREAS** Ontario Regulation 73/03 authorizes the City of Hamilton to enact a by-law to exempt a property from the application of Part IX of the <u>Municipal Act, 2001</u>, S.O. 2001, c. 25, if taxes for the property in the previous year were equal to its full Current Value Assessment taxes for that year.

**NOW THEREFORE** the Council of the City of Hamilton enacts as follows:

#### Tax Increase - Maximum Percentage

1. For the purpose of paragraph 329.1(1)1 of the <u>Municipal Act, 2001</u>, the City of Hamilton establishes the maximum assessment-related tax increase allowed on the Commercial, Industrial and Multi-Residential property tax classes as 10% for

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2010 and accordingly limits properties in these classes to a maximum assessment-related tax increase of 10%.

## Tax Increase – Maximum Dollar Amount

2. For the purpose of paragraph 329.1(1)3 of the <u>Municipal Act, 2001</u>, the City of Hamilton establishes the maximum dollar amount threshold allowed on the Commercial, Industrial and Multi-Residential property tax classes as \$250 for 2010 and accordingly properties in these classes move to their full Current Value Assessment taxes if they are at or below \$250 of their Current Value Assessment taxes for 2010.

## Tax Increase – New Construction / New to Class

3. For the purpose of paragraph 329.1(1)8 of the <u>Municipal Act, 2001</u>, the City of Hamilton establishes the maximum taxes allowed on a Commercial, Industrial and Multi-Residential property which becomes an eligible property within the meaning of subsection 331(20) of the <u>Municipal Act, 2001</u> as 100% of its full Current Value Assessment taxes for 2010.

## Tax Capping Exemption

4. For the purpose of paragraph 8.0.2 of Ontario Regulation 73/03, the City of Hamilton exempts any property in the Commercial, Industrial or Multi-Residential property tax classes which paid full Current Value Assessment taxes for 2009 from Part IX of the <u>Municipal Act, 2001</u> for 2010.

## General

- 5. The purpose of this By-law is to clarify the respective rights and obligations of the City of Hamilton and all persons liable for tax during the fiscal year 2010.
- 6. This By-law is deemed to come into force on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010.

**PASSED** this 26<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2010.

Fred Eisenberger Mayor

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