

PRESS RELEASE

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**Town of Canandaigua & Town of Farmington
Full-Time Assessor Vacancy**

(Canandaigua, NY) - The Towns of Canandaigua and Farmington have announced interest in exploring a shared service agreement relating to the office of Town Assessor.

The Towns of Canandaigua and Farmington are interested in hearing from individuals who may wish to be considered to fill the position of full-time assessor serving both the Town of Canandaigua and the Town of Farmington, with time split between the two municipalities.

This position will be responsible for the valuation for assessment of real property for tax purposes and the preparation of an annual assessment roll, utilizes and maintains current tax maps and appraisal cards, attends all hearings of the Boards of Assessment Review, attends the public examination of the tentative assessment roll, receives complaints filed and transmits them to the Boards of Assessment Review, prepares reports of assessment activities as required, and reviews and makes determinations with respect to applications for tax exemptions.

The candidate must be willing to work flexible hours, including some weeknights. The position is anticipated to be not less than 40 hours per week and benefits eligible. Expected salary range is between \$75,000 - \$95,000 annually per year, shared between the two municipalities.

It is anticipated the Assessor will split time each week between the Towns of Canandaigua and Farmington heading up the office of Assessor, while receiving support from full time real property assessor aides in both municipalities.

Minimum qualifications include:

1. Graduation from high school or possession of an accredited high school equivalency diploma; and two years of satisfactory fulltime paid experience in an occupation involving the valuation of real property, such as assessor, appraiser, valuation data manager, real property appraisal aide or the like. Such experience shall be deemed satisfactory if it is demonstrated that the experience primarily was gained in the performance of one or more of the following tasks: collection and recording of property inventory data, preparation of comparable sales analysis reports, preparation of signed income or market data approaches to value. It shall be the responsibility of the appointee to provide detailed and verified documentation of such experience, including work schedules and samples of finished products. Mere listing of real property for potential sale, or preparation of asking prices for real estate for potential sale, using multiple listing reports or other published asking prices is not qualifying experience; or
2. Graduation from an accredited two-year college and one year of the experience described in paragraph 1 of this subdivision; or

3. Graduation from an accredited four-year college and six months of the experience described in paragraph 1 of this subdivision; or graduation from an accredited four-year college and a written commitment from Ontario County that the County will provide training in assessment administration, approved by the State Board, within a nine-month period; or

4. Certification by the State Board as either an assessor or ability to become a candidate for assessor.

5. In evaluation the experience described in paragraph 1 of this subdivision, the following conditions shall apply:

- a. If the assessor has been previously certified by the State Board as a State certified Assessor pursuant to Section 188- 2.1 of this Subpart while serving as a Elected Assessor, such certification is equivalent to one year of the experience described in paragraph 1 of this subdivision if it has not expired;
- b. For the purpose of crediting full-time paid experience, a minimum of thirty hours per week shall be deemed as full-time employment;
- c. Three years of part-time paid experience as sole Assessor or as Chairman of the Board of Assessment Review shall be credited as one year of full-time paid experience, and five years of parttime paid experience as a member of a Board of Assessment Review shall be credited as one year of full-time paid experience. Paid part-time experience in excess of these amounts shall be credited;
- d. Volunteer experience in an Assessor's office may be credited as paid experience to the extent that it includes tasks such as data collection; calculation of value estimates; preparation of preliminary evaluation reports; providing routine assessment information to a computer center; public relations; and review of value estimates, computer output and exemption application; and
- e. In no case shall less than six months of the experience described in paragraph 1 of this subdivision be acceptable with the exception of County training as provided in paragraph 3 of this subdivision. Possession of a valid New York State Driver's license at the time of appointment and maintenance of such license throughout the tenure of employment is required.

Interested candidates should submit an application as soon as possible, with applications reviewed as they are received. Individuals can submit an application through the Ontario County Website or through the Job Opportunities Link on the Town of Canandaigua Website.

Please send a letter of interest and resume to Canandaigua Town Manager, Doug Finch by email: dfinch@townofcanandaigua.org and Town Supervisor, Peter Ingalsbe by email: pingalsbe@farmingtonny.org. Qualified candidates will be contacted for an interview. The Town of Canandaigua and the Town of Farmington are both Equal Opportunity Employers.

ASSESSOR

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This is professional work in the valuation for assessment of real property for tax purposes and the preparation of an annual assessment roll. Work is performed under the general direction of the municipal legislator or the appointing authority. Supervision is exercised over the work of appraisal and clerical staff. Advisory service is available from the County Director of Real Property Tax Services and the State Board of Equalization and Assessment. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: (Illustrative only)

Annually values and re-values each parcel of real property;
 Utilizes and maintains current tax maps and appraisal cards;
 May seek county advisory services in determining values of certain parcels;
 Attends all hearing of the Board of Assessment Review;
 Makes changes in assessments in accordance with law as directed by the Board of Assessment Review;
 Appoints and trains an acting Assessor to perform as needed;
 Attends the public examination of the tentative assessment roll at times prescribed by law;
 Receives complaints filed and transmits them to the Board of Assessment Review;
 Prepares reports of assessment activities as required by the appointing authority or the State Board of Equalization and Assessment;
 Provides school districts within the assessing unit a copy of the current pertinent portion of the assessment roll;
 Supervises and trains appraisal staff members in the technique of appraisal and assessment;
 Reviews and makes determinations with respect to applications for tax exemptions.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGES SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS: Good knowledge of making an appraisal of types of real property which are regularly sold; good knowledge of the theory, principles and practices of real property valuation and assessment; good knowledge of residential and commercial building construction methods, materials and their costs, good knowledge of laws governing the valuation and assessment of real property; good knowledge of deeds and related property records; ability to make and review arithmetic computations with speed and accuracy; ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with the public, municipal officials and the Assessment Review Board; ability to plan, work and supervise the work of others, integrity; tact; courtesy; good judgment; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

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