Homeowner’s & Additional Veterans & Local Freeze Programs

**ELDERLY & TOTALLY DISABLED HOMEOWNERS PROGRAM**: As a homeowner, you must be 65 years of age by the end of the calendar year preceding the filing period (February 1 through May 15) or totally disabled through Social Security AND your income must have been less than $43,000 for a married couple; $35,300 for a single. Claimant must own the property for which the tax relief is sought; or he/she must hold a tenancy for life use or for a term of years in such property, which tenancy makes him/her liable for the payment of property taxes under Section 12-48; or he/she must share in such ownership AND, in all cases, MUST RESIDE at said property. Such ownership, which must constitute the claimant’s principal or legal resident, must have been effective on or before October 1st of the current assessment year. Principal residence shall be defined as residency of at least 6 months and one day for the program year. For additional information, please contact the Assessor’s Office.

The following tables show the levels of qualifying income for the elderly and Totally Disabled Tax Relief Program applications to be filed in the year 2018. These levels are to be used for the 2017 Grand List Homeowner and Renter applications and the 2018 Grand List Additional Veteran applications.

**Homeowners**

**Income and Grant Information –2017 Grand List Benefit Year**

**Filing period February 1 - May 15, 2018**

 **Income Tax Credit % Tax Credit Maximum Tax Credit Minimum**

**Over To\_\_\_ Married Unmarried Married Unmarried Married Unmarried**

**$-0- $17,700 50% 40% $1,250 $1,000 $400 $350**

**17,700 23,700 40 30 1,000 750 350 250**

**23,700 29,600 30 20 750 500 250 150**

**29,600 35,300 20 10 500 250 150 150**

**35,300 43,000 10 -0- 250 -0- 150 -0-**

**LOCAL FREEZE PROGRAM**: If you are 70 years of age and meet the requirements outlined for the Elderly & Totally Disabled Homeowner’s Program you may be eligible for the local freeze program which will freeze your town taxes as of the tax year you apply for the program. Please contact the Assessor’s Office for more information.

**ADDITIONAL VETERANS EXEMPTION:**  for income qualifying applicants for the 2018 Grand List will be based on the following income maximums: The maximum for single applicants will be $35,300; the maximum for married applicants will be $43,000.

100% V.A. Determined Disabled Veterans will continue to use $18,000 for single applicants and $21,000 for married applicants (adjusted gross income only; Social Security Income is not considered.)

**LOCAL VETERANS EXEMPTION:** This ordinance was approved in April 2017 and gives income-qualifying applicants an additional $10,000 assessment exemption. The maximum income to qualify for the 2018 Grand List for single applicants will be $45,300; the maximum for married applicants will be $53,000. The filing period is February 1 to October 1.