

CITY OF CLAREMONT – IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY

ORDINANCE #578

PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR ELDERLY

The City of Claremont Ordains:

Pursuant to New Hampshire RSA 72:27-a, RSA 72:39-a and RSA 72:39-b, the Claremont City Code is hereby amended to revise Article II, Division 4 of Chapter 18 as follows:

Section 1. Property Tax Exemption for Elderly

Sec. 18-58. Exemption amount and qualifications.

Revise the introductory paragraph to read as follows:

In accordance with RSA 72:39-a and RSA 72:39-b, the city shall provide an exemption from real estate taxes, beginning in the tax year commencing April 1, 2020, for those individuals qualified for such exemption under RSA 72:39-a and RSA 72:39-b, as they may be amended from time to time, in the following manner:

Section 2. Exemption amount and qualifications

Sec. 18-58 (4). Exemption amount and qualifications.

Revise Subsection (4) of Section 18-58 to increase the qualifying net income and asset limits so that the provision shall read as follows:

- (4) To qualify, an unmarried taxpayer must have a net income of not more than twenty three thousand four hundred dollars (\$23,400), or if married, must have a combined net income of not more than thirty thousand nine hundred dollars (\$30,900). Net assets for either an unmarried taxpayer or, if married, combined assets must be not more than sixty three thousand nine hundred dollars (\$63,900), exclusive of the value of the taxpayer's residence and the land upon which it is located up to the greater of two (2) acres or the minimum single-family residential lot specified in the Claremont Zoning Ordinance for the zone in which the property lies. The combined net asset amount shall apply to a surviving spouse until the sale or transfer of the property by the surviving spouse or until the remarriage of the surviving spouse.

Section 3. Validity.

If any article, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this ordinance.

Section 4. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall take effect for purposes of accepting applications under the increased limits immediately upon passage and shall be enforced for property tax exemptions for the elderly for the tax year commencing April 1, 2020.

Introduced and passed on first reading _____ 2020.

Adopted by the Claremont City Council on _____, 2020.

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