PROPERTY TAX RELIEF PROGRAMS FOR VETERANS

The Town of Marblehead has adopted the following exemptions for qualifying veterans.

Due to the number of exemptions and their various eligibility requirements, the following information is intended only to give the taxpayer an understanding of the possible tax relief options available to them. To be eligible for an exemption, you must qualify and file annually.

Deadline to file is April 1st in the current fiscal year. Filing on time is required. By law, the assessor may not waive the deadline nor act on a late application for any reason.

General guidelines for the Veteran exemptions listed below:

Eligibility	Veterans or Spouses/Surviving Spouses, MUST MEET ALL eligibility requirements as of July 1 st of the fiscal tax year or exemption is denied		
Residency	Domiciled in MA for at least 6 consecutive months before entering military service. OR Lived in MA for at least 2 consecutive years before the tax year begins.		
Domicile	You must occupy the property as your domicile. Spouses of the Veteran must occupy the property together as their domicile. EXECEPT FOR CLAUSES 22 & 22D, exemptions for domiciles greater than a single-family home will be prorated.		
Ownership	You must own the property (minimum number of years varies) and your ownership interest must be at least \$2,000 depending on exemption		
Documentation	Evidence of residency, ownership, domicile & occupancy. Annual statement of service-connected disability from VA or the appropriate branch of US Military.		

Refer to the list of Veteran exemptions on the back. Please contact the Assessor's office so that we may discuss which exemption you may be eligible for based on your individual circumstances and the specific exemption qualification criteria.

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Clause # & Amount		Who Can Apply
Clause 22 - \$400	1.	Veteran with a 10 - 99 % service-connected disability or awarded Purple Heart
	2.	Parents of soldiers or sailors who died in military service.
	3.	Additional condition applies for Surviving Spouses of WWI Vets
Claure 22A - \$750	1.	Veterans who suffered in the line of duty a loss or permanent loss of use of one foot, hand or eye
	2.	OR received Congressional Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service, Navy or Air Force Cross
Clause 22B - \$1,250	1.	Veterans who suffered in the line of duty the loss or permanent loss of use of both feet, hands or eyes
Clause 22C - \$1,500	1.	Veterans who suffered total disability in the line of duty
		Own & occupy "specially adapted housing" as their domicile
Clause 22D –		Veteran who died in combat or went MIA.
Full Tax Amount	2.	Or died as a proximate result of diseases and/or injuries sustained during active duty.
	3.	Spouse must also meet residency requirement
Clause 22E- \$1,000	1.	Veterans with 100% service-connected disability
Clause 22F –	1.	Veterans who are paraplegics
Full Tax Amount	2.	Or have 100% disability due to service-connected blindness
Clause 22H –	1.	Surviving parents or guardians of military personnel (incl. active-duty
Full Tax Amount		National Guard) who went missing in action during active duty and are presumed to have died.
	2.	Military personnel (incl. active-duty National Guard) or veterans who died as a proximate result of injuries sustained or illnesses contracted during active-duty service.
	3.	A surviving parent or guardian must have lived in Massachusetts for at least 5 consecutive years before the tax year begins. If not, the deceased military or guard member or veteran had to have been domiciled in Massachusetts for at least 6 consecutive months before entering the service.

Spouses & Surviving Spouse are eligible to apply with two additional requirements:

- 1. Domicile must be owned by spouse to qualify.
- 2. Surviving Spouses who never remarry would qualify for Clause 22 and 22D.

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