



Legislation Text

File #: 22-973, Version: 1

ORDINANCE

Motion/Request:

MOTION to approve a revised Appendix A- *Qualifying Income Schedule* in accordance with Ordinance #200-005 (rev. 1) "*An Ordinance to Provide Property Tax Relief for Certain Homeowners Age Sixty-Five or Over or Permanently and Totally Disabled (rev.1)*" for the filing period of February 1, 2023 - May 15, 2023.

Background:

In addition to the State, that the town provides tax relief to qualifying homeowners thru the adoption of Ordinance #200-005 (rev. 1) "*An Ordinance to Provide Property Tax Relief for Certain Homeowners Age Sixty-Five or Over or Permanently and Totally Disabled (rev.1)*".

Provisions of the Ordinance required the town to annually update the "*Qualifying Income Schedule*" to be consistent with the State's Qualifying Income, which was based on the United States Social Security Administration Program.

In accordance with Ordinance #200-005 (rev.1) Paragraph 3 "*Qualifications*"; paragraph (e) "*Persons qualified for tax credit or deferment benefits under this Ordinance are those whose maximum income during the calendar year preceding the year in which application is made for the tax credit does not exceed the Qualifying Income Schedule, as hereby incorporated in the ordinance as though fully set forth herein. A copy of the approved Qualifying Income Schedule shall be filed with the Town Clerk when established and when amended. The income guidelines provided in the Qualifying Income Schedule (Appendix A) shall be adjusted to reflect a cost of living increase issued by the United States Social Security Administration, pending the approval of the Town Council prior to the first of January of the year of application.*"

Because the "*Qualifying Income Schedule*" was an Appendix to the Ordinance, and because they were not changing the Ordinance itself, a public hearing was not required.

Annually updating the "*Qualifying Income Schedule*" for the town's Tax Relief program was an administrative action.

Department Comment/Recommendation:

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Mayor Comment/Recommendation:

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Body:

Ordinance # 200-005 (rev.1)

DRAFT: 01/03/2023

Appendix A

Qualifying Income Schedule

Qualifying Income		Tax Reduction As Percentage Of Property Tax	Tax Reduction For Any Year	
Over	Not Exceeding		Maximum	Minimum
Married Homeowners				
\$ 0	\$19,100 \$20,200	50%	\$1,250	\$400
\$19,100 \$20,200 -	\$25,600 \$27,100	40 %	\$1,000	\$350
\$25,600 \$27,100	\$31,900 \$33,800	30 %	\$750	\$250
\$31,900 \$33,800	\$38,100 \$40,300	20%	\$500	\$150
\$37,600 \$40,300	\$45,800 \$49,100	10%	\$250	\$150
\$49,100		None		
Unmarried Homeowners				
\$ 0	\$19,100 \$20,200	40%	\$1,000	\$350
\$19,100 \$20,200 -	\$25,600 \$27,100	30%	\$750	\$250
\$25,600 \$27,100	\$31,900 \$33,800	20%	\$500	\$150
\$31,900 \$33,800	\$38,100 \$40,300	10%	\$250	\$150
\$37,600 \$40,300	\$45,800 \$49,100	None	-0-	-0-
\$49,100		None		

Adopted by the Ledyard Town Council on: _____

Kevin J. Dombrowski, Chairman

Meeting Action Detail:

Town Council Meeting 01/11/2023:

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Moved: Ryan Seconded: Ingalls

Action: Approved and so declared

Minute Note:

Moved by Councilor Ryan, seconded by Councilor Ingalls

Discussion: Councilor Ryan explained in accordance with Ordinance #200-005 (rev. 1) “*An Ordinance to Provide Property Tax Relief for Certain Homeowners Age Sixty-Five or Over or Permanently and Totally Disabled (rev.1)*” the town was required to annually update the “*Qualifying Income Schedule*” to be consistent with the State’s Qualifying Income, which was based on the United States Social Security Administration Program (Cost of Living Index).

8 - 0 Approved and so declared

Action: Approved and so declared

Finance Committee Meeting 1/4/2023:

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Moved: Ryan Seconded: Ingalls

Action: Recommend to Approve

Minute Note:

Moved by Councilor Ryan, seconded by Councilor Ingalls

Discussion: Councilor Saums provided some background, stating that in addition to the State, that the town provided tax relief to qualifying homeowners thru the adoption of Ordinance #200-005 (rev. 1) *“An Ordinance to Provide Property Tax Relief for Certain Homeowners Age Sixty-Five or Over or Permanently and Totally Disabled (rev.1).”*

Councilor Saums went on to state that the provisions of the Ordinance required the town to annually update the *“Qualifying Income Schedule”* to be consistent with the State’s Qualifying Income, which was based on the United States Social Security Administration Program.

Councilor Saums noted in accordance with Ordinance #200-005 (rev.1) Paragraph 3 *“Qualifications”*; paragraph (e) *“Persons qualified for tax credit or deferment benefits under this Ordinance are those whose maximum income during the calendar year preceding the year in which application is made for the tax credit does not exceed the Qualifying Income Schedule, as hereby incorporated in the ordinance as though fully set forth herein. A copy of the approved Qualifying Income Schedule shall be filed with the Town Clerk when established and when amended. The income guidelines provided in the Qualifying Income Schedule (Appendix A) shall be adjusted to reflect a cost of living increase issued by the United States Social Security Administration, pending the approval of the Town Council prior to the first of January of the year of application.”*

Councilor Saums noted that the State also offered relief for renters. Mayor Allyn, III, stated that Municipal Agent Karen Goetchuis administers a *Renters Rebate Program*.

It was noted that because the *“Qualifying Income Schedule”* was an Appendix to the Ordinance, and because they were not changing the Ordinance itself, a public hearing was not required. Annually updating the *“Qualifying Income Schedule”* for the town’s Tax Relief program was an administrative action.

VOTE: 3- 0 Approved and so declared

Action: Recommend to Approve