

Park Forest Cooperative III, Area J

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January 23, 2023

RE: Senior Exemption & Senior Freeze

Dear Member,

Rich Township will begin scheduling appointments in mid-February for **first time** eligible seniors. Do not call Rich Township before then. They have informed our office that they will not make any appointments before the middle of February. **If you received the Senior Exemption last year, you do not have to re-apply.**

Senior Exemption

To be eligible for the senior exemption you must be 65 years of age or older, and have occupied your unit in 2022. **If you moved during the year, and are eligible, you may receive a prorated senior exemption for the period of time you occupied your unit.**

Senior Freeze

If your total household annual income is \$65,000 or less, you may also be eligible to receive the senior freeze exemption. Rich Township has advised, that this year if you receive a letter in the mail from the assessor's office you do not have to apply for the freeze. **If you do not receive a letter, you will need to apply.**

HOW TO APPLY IN FEBRUARY:

1. **By mail or on line – applications can be downloaded from the assessor's website at cookcountyassessor.com/exemptions when they become available.**
2. **Call Rich Township Assessor's Office to make an appointment. You may call mid-February (Phone: 708-748-6722)**

YOU MUST MAIL A COPY OF THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS WITH YOUR APPLICATION OR BRING WITH YOU TO YOUR APPOINTMENT:

Illinois Driver's License or Illinois State I.D. Card (proof of residency)
Copy of recent property tax bill (you can pick this up at the Area J office)
Copy of your Membership Certificate (front & back)
Copy of your Occupancy Agreement
Social Security Form 2458, or your Medicare Card (proof of age)
Copy of your tax return (for the senior freeze exemption)

If you do not have a copy of your Membership Certificate or Occupancy Agreement you can stop by the Co-op office and we will make you a copy.

Warm Regards,

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RE: Veteran with Disability Exemption

Dear Member,

All Area J members who are Illinois resident who served as a member of the United States Armed Forces on active duty or State active duty, a member of the Illinois National Guard or U.S. Reserve Forces and has been honorably discharged may apply for their Veteran with Disability Exemption. To qualify for this refund you must have at least a 30% service-connected disability certified by the U.S Department of Veterans Affairs. Occupy the property as the primary residence in 2022.

HOW TO APPLY:

- 1. By mail – applications can be downloaded from the assessor’s website at cookcountyassessor.com/exemptions.**
- 2. Call the Town Hall Assessor’s Office to make an appointment.
Phone: 708-748-6722**

YOU MUST MAIL A COPY OF THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS WITH YOUR APPLICATION OR BRING WITH YOU TO YOUR APPOINTMENT:

- A first-time applicant must please provide a Department of Defense DD Form 214, certified by either the Cook County Clerk's Office or Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs. This document is not required for future annual applications.**
- Copy of your Disability Certification Letter from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Copy of Verification letters will be used to verify the veteran's name, percentage of service-connected disability, and date of the letter.**
- A non-remarried surviving spouse of a veteran with a disability who is eligible for the Exemption and is using the Exemption for the first time or transferring it to a new address: you must provide the disabled veteran's death certificate and proof of ownership.**
- Copy of Proof of Identity and occupancy in 2022.**

For further assistance on how to obtain required documents contact the Chicago VA Regional office at # 312.980-4470 or 312.980.4378
Email: VETINQUIRIES.VBACHI@va.gov

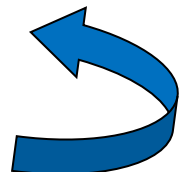
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RE: Person with Disability Exemption

Dear Member,

All Area J members who may be disabled may qualify for tax exemption refund. To qualify for this refund you must have occupied the property as the primary residence on January 1, 2022.

HOW TO APPLY:

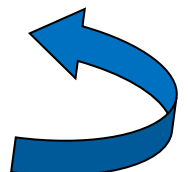
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YOU MUST MAIL A COPY OF THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS WITH YOUR APPLICATION OR BRING WITH YOU TO YOUR APPOINTMENT:

- **Copy of Class 2 Disabled Person Illinois Identification Card from the Illinois Secretary of State's Office.**
- **Copy of Proof of Social Security Administration disability benefits. This proof includes an award letter, verification letter, or annual cost of living adjustment.**
- **Proof of Railroad or Civil Service disability benefits is an award letter of total (100%) disability.**
- **Copy of Proof of Identity and occupancy in 2022.**

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