

Park Forest Cooperative III Area J

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January 30, 2025

RE: Senior Exemption & Senior Freeze

Dear Member,

Our office was informed by Rich Township that the 2024 Property Tax Year Exemption Application **will not be available until late March or early April of this year**, according to the Cook County Assessor's Office. Which means they are at a standstill and are not making appointments as of yet. **For those residents who received only the Senior Exemption, last year, a postcard will be mailed reminding you that you Do Not have to apply for the Senior Exemption.** If your income makes you eligible for the Freeze, then you **Do Have To Apply** for the Senior Freeze. According to Rich Township, if you have any of these exemptions for the 2023 property tax year, a 2024 Renewal Application will be mailed to you.

Eligibility Requirement - Senior Exemption

To be eligible for the Senior Exemption you must be 65 years of age or older and have occupied your unit on January 1 of the tax year.

Eligibility Requirement - Senior Freeze

If your total household annual income is \$65,000 or less, you may also be eligible to receive the Senior Freeze exemption. You must apply for the Senior Freeze exemption every year. Rich Township will begin to take calls for appointments in late March or early April.

HOW TO APPLY:

1. **Call Rich Township Assessor's Office to make an appointment. You may check with them late March or early April at 708-748-6722**

YOU MUST BRING THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS 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: Persons 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, 2024.

Due to new state legislation, those who received the Persons with Disability Exemption last year will be automatically renewed going forward. **New applicants will need to complete an application.**

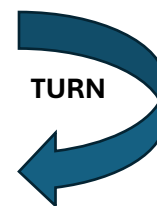
HOW TO APPLY:

- **By mail – applications can be downloaded from the assessor’s website at cookcountyassessor.com/exemptions.**
- **Call the Rich Township to make an appointment in March or early April at 708-748-6722.**

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 2023.**

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.



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