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A Guide for St. Tammany's Veterans

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New Constitutional Amendment

Disabled Veterans:

Based on your disability rating as determined by the U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs, you may be entitled to a Special Exemption.

- **If you have between 50% - 70% disability you are entitled to an additional $25,000 special exemption above $75,000 Homestead Exemption.**
- **If you have between 70% and 100% disability you are entitled to an additional $45,000 special exemption above 75,000 Homestead Exemption.**
- **If you have a 100% disability or un-employability you are fully exempt from ad valorem taxes.**

Importantly, a Special Exemption does not include parcel fees or other fees or fines. It also does not include the Homestead Exemption of the first $7,500 of your total assessed value for municipal millages. This is still taxable, and all are still the responsibility of the homeowner, even those with a 100% disability.

For veterans with a correct and current disability rating already filed with our office, there is no action needed at this time. But in August, please remember to check your assessment.

This is not an "automatic" exemption. For all other veterans with a disability rating of 50% or higher from the VA, please contact our office to apply. Applicants will need to provide their letter from the VA showing their current home address and disability rating.

This Special Exemption does not have an income requirement like Freeze's do. Therefore, veterans who may not be eligible for a Veterans Freeze, may be eligible for this Special Exemption.

A surviving spouse of a disabled veteran may also be eligible for this Special Exemption, even if the disabled veteran did not apply before his or her death. The spouse may only apply on the veteran's last domicile. Homes purchased after the death of the veteran are not eligible.

Veterans Special Assessment Exemptions

Veterans Freeze

Veterans may qualify for a Veterans Freeze to lock in or "freeze" the current assessed value of their home for as long as the veteran owns and occupies the home. The homeowners cannot exceed the maximum combined adjusted gross income allowed, and new/additional improvements can not exceed 25 percent of the home's value. The maximum combined adjusted gross income based on the latest federal tax return must not exceed $102,700 for the year 2026, and will be adjusted annually based on the Consumer Price Index each year thereafter.

Remember, this Special Assessment does not freeze taxes. Taxes may vary annually and are determined by the millages approved by the voters and taxing bodies.

A veteran may qualify for a special assessment if the veteran:

- Has a combined adjusted gross income on latest federal tax returns that meets eligibility requirements.
- Has a service-connected disability rating of 50 percent or more.
- Is a surviving spouse of someone killed in action, missing in action or a prisoner of war for a period exceeding 90 days.

The Veterans Freeze extends to surviving spouses who are at least 55 years of age and meet all other criteria.

To apply, applicants will need the previous year's federal income tax returns to verify the income requirement and the disability decision letter from Veteran's Affairs.

Surviving Spouse of Military and Law Enforcement Special Assessment

Spouses of a member of the military who died while in the line of duty in the U.S. armed forces or while serving as a member of law enforcement may be eligible for a Special Assessment. This assessment fully exempts ad valorem taxes. A surviving spouse may only apply on the home that was the veteran's last domicile and only if the surviving spouse has not remarried.

We thank you for your service and dedication to our country. It is our mission to serve the citizens of St. Tammany Parish with fairness, efficiency and responsiveness. If you have any questions or we may assist you in any way, please do not hesitate to give us a call.

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