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Re: Homeowners Tax Relief Programs

It is important to note that Municipalities in Connecticut can only offer tax relief programs as allowed by Connecticut State Law. Some are State mandated and others are adopted by local ordinance. I am speaking to Tax Relief and Exemptions for homeowners only.

I reviewed an attachment titled ***"Tax Relief – Montville"***. The program would like to offer a tax reduction system for seniors. Seniors (65+?) would apply to the Town and qualify if they owned their properties for at least three years. No mention is made of what amount of tax reduction to all seniors is contemplated. Unfortunately, no local option tax exemption offered by the State of Connecticut which can be adopted by local ordinance follows these criteria. Other local option tax relief programs are available and should be researched for their desirability.

Programs offered in Montville include the State mandated Homeowners Program for people over the age of 65 or people 100% totally disabled. This is an income based program with income limits of \$38,100 for single people and \$46,400 for a married couple. People who qualify see reductions from \$150 to \$1,250 on their taxes based on their income and marital status with a refile requirement of every two years. The State reimburses for this program based on grant formula calculations.

Also State mandated is the Additional Veterans Program. Following the State income limits listed above, Veterans in Montville of any age can apply and receive a doubling of their Veterans Exemption. For example, a Veteran receiving a \$1,500 assessment exemption (equal to \$40) would have their assessment exemption doubled to \$3,000 (equal to \$80). The State reimburses for this based on grant formula calculations.

The Town of Montville also offers a Town adopted local ordinance to increase the Veterans Exemption. Owners qualify if they make less than \$47,625 for single people and \$58,000 for a married couple. Veterans receive \$10,000 off their assessed value equal to \$267 off their taxes. This is not reimbursed by the State. Gold Star families are also entitled but none have applied.

Blind people can qualify for exemptions of \$2,000 off their assessed value (\$53) and an additional \$3,000 off their assessed value (\$80) if low income. There is no State reimbursement.

People who are 100% totally disabled can also receive \$1,000 off their assessed value (\$27). This is reimbursed by the State based on grant formula calculations.

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