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Application for Real Estate Tax Exemption for Veterans with 100% Service- Connected Disability

Disabled Veteran Name (last, first, middle initial) _____

Social Security# _____ - _____ - _____ Date of Birth _____

Applicant Phone # _____

Spouse/ Co-Owner Name (last, first, middle initial) _____

Social Security# _____ - _____ - _____ Date of Birth _____

Spouse/ Co-Owner Phone # _____

Property Address _____

Mailing Address _____

CERTIFICATIONS

Certification from U. S. Department of Veteran Affairs of 100% Service Connected Disability attached? Yes

Is property occupied as the principal residence by the qualifying veteran? Yes No

Is property occupied as the principal residence by the qualifying veteran's surviving Spouse? Yes No

Is this property jointly owned by the applicant and spouse? Yes No

(If no, please describe ownership arrangement) _____

I (we) declare under the penalties provided by law, that this affidavit has been examined by me (us) and to the best of my (our) knowledge and belief is true, correct, and complete.

_____ **Date**

_____ **Signature of Disabled Veteran**

_____ **Signature of Spouse/ Co-Owner**

OFFICE USE ONLY

Acct # _____ Map # _____

Exemption is _____ **APPROVED** for **100%**

Exemption is _____ **DISAPPROVED** for reason _____

City Official Signature: _____ Date: _____

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR 100% SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABLED VETERANS

Pursuant to Article X, Section 6-A of the Constitution of Virginia, the General Assembly exempted from taxation the real property, including the joint real property of husband and wife, of any veteran who has been rated by the U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs or its successor agency pursuant to federal law to have a **100% service-connected permanent and total disability**, and who occupies the real property as his principal place of residence. The tax exemption is for the home (principal residence) and up to one acre.

The surviving spouse of a veteran eligible for the exemption set forth in this article shall also qualify for the exemption, so long as the death of the veteran occurs on or after January 1, 2011, the surviving spouse does not remarry, and the surviving spouse continues to occupy the real property as his principal place of residence.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- The applicant must be a veteran declared to have a 100 percent service-connected, permanent, and total disability by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs OR who has a service connected disability which renders him or her permanently and totally disabled within the definition prescribed under §58.1 - 3217, meaning “ unable to engage in any substantial gainful activity by reason of any medically determinable physical or mental impairment or deformity which can be expected to result in death or can be expected to last for the duration of such person’s life.”
- Residence must be Veteran’s primary residence (proof, such as resident State tax return, may be requested).
- Spouse (if applicable) must also be identified.
- Deceased Veteran (if applicable) must have passed away on or after January 1, 2011.
- Surviving Spouse (if applicable) must not be remarried.
- Surviving Spouse (if applicable) must continue to reside in primary residence.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION:

- Certification of disability 100% service-connected.
- The presentation of the original VA letter as proof.
- (If applicable) Copy of Veteran’s death certificate showing death occurred on or after January 1, 2011.

Although you will not need to submit a full application each year, our office may request certain information on an annual basis to verify your continued eligibility for exemption. Your certification of service-connected disability will remain on file in our office.

If you have questions or need help completing the form, please contact us by phone, visit the Office of the Commissioner of the Revenue at City Hall, or request that an office staff member visit your home. We thank you for your service to our country and are pleased to offer this exemption here in the City of Winchester and look forward to serving you.