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Senior Citizen Property Tax Work-Off Abatement Program

The City of Chelsea is once again happy to inform our current and former Senior Participant that the "Senior Citizen Property Tax Work-off Abatement Program" is once again being offered.

However, as of April 2014 new regulations will be in place. The purpose of this program is to allow senior taxpayers an opportunity to volunteer in exchange for a reduction in their property tax bill.

The requirements are as follows:

- Must be 60 years or more.
- Must be owner occupied (or spouse of owner)
- Income may not exceed *\$45,000.00* for a senior household of 1 person, or *\$58,000.00* for a senior Household of (2)
- Seniors will receive a record of their credit against their property tax bill .The rate will be credited at the State minimum wage per hour worked (current \$10.00 per hour).

The procedures for applying for the City of Chelsea Senior Citizens Property Tax Work-Off Program Are as follows and also include changes in policy as of April 2014.

- Applications must be completed along with supporting documents prior to beginning the program. This also applies to former and current volunteers.
- An Applicant must be on the property deed as either Owner/Trustee per recorded trust.
- Applicant must be a full-time resident at the said property.
- Applicant must provide proof of residency, age, income & ownership or other evidence.
- Applicant cannot exceed the amount of tax credit that is given, to receive a credit on their property tax.
- Applicant should be placed in a Department that suits the needs of the department & skills of the applicant
- Applicant cannot exceed earnings that total more than \$1,000.00 or more than 100 volunteer hours as per the state minimum wage, per calendar year.
- Applicants **MUST re-apply every year with SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS** in order to be eligible.
- Any Applicant working in the School Department or the Senior Center will need a CORI background check (depending on the tasks being completed). And will also receive a copy of the "Ethic laws".

Applications forms are available at:

Chelsea Senior Center

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