

City of Newport, Office of the Tax Assessor

Senior Exemption

Attached you will find the Senior and/or Variable application. As in the past this application has to be filled out on a yearly basis. You will notice that this year the forms are dramatically different. They must be filled out in their **entirety** otherwise they will be returned to you. Please enter N/A if the question does not apply to you. The deadline for this exemption has now been extended until **March 15, 2010**. Please note this date on your calendar.



FORM 880

**SENIOR EXEMPTION APPLICATION
CITY OF NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND
Property Tax Exemption Claim - 3 pages
To be filed on or before **March 15, 2010****

Chapter 4.08.050 City Code "... it is the express purpose of this chapter to confine such exemptions to residential property exclusively used as such by the owners thereof..."

Account # R _____

Property Address: _____

Newport, RI 02840

SSN# _____

Spouse SSN# _____

Assessor's Use Only

Granted _____

You will **NOT** be notified

Denied _____

You will be notified via US Postal Service

Please answer the following questions- CIRCLE YES or NO

- YES / NO** 1. Is the claimant age 65 or over as of December 31, 2009
- YES / NO** 2. Does the claimant live in the dwelling house at the above address
- YES / NO** 3. Does the claimant now own this dwelling house
- YES / NO** 4. Has the claimant owned and had title to this dwelling for a period of five (5) years ending with December 31, 2009
- YES / NO** 5. Has the claimant been a resident of Newport for a period of five (5) years ending with December 31 2009.
- YES/ NO** 6. Does the claimant certify that this dwelling is used solely as a residence.
- YES / NO** 7. If a one person household was your total household income \$29,300 or less (See Page 3).
- YES / NO** 8. If two or more household was your total household income \$33,500 or less (See Page 3).

If you have answered **NO** to any of the questions above you **do not** qualify for this exemption. If you have answered **YES** to all the above questions please go on to the next section.

1. Social Security Including Medicare premiums and Railroad Retirement Benefits \$ _____ YEAR
2. Unemployment benefits, workmen's compensation \$ _____ YEAR
3. Wages, salaries, tips, etc. \$ _____ YEAR
4. Bank Account Amounts, Dividends and Interest (taxable and nontaxable) \$ _____ YEAR
5. Business and Farm Income (net of expenses) \$ _____ YEAR
6. Pension and annuity income (taxable and nontaxable) \$ _____ YEAR
7. Rental Income (net of expenses) \$ _____ YEAR
8. Partnership, estate and trust income \$ _____ YEAR
9. Total gain on sale or exchange of property \$ _____ YEAR
10. Loss on sale or exchange of property (capital losses are limited to \$3000) \$ _____ YEAR
11. Cash public assistance (welfare, etc) \$ _____ YEAR
12. Alimony and support money \$ _____ YEAR
13. Nontaxable military compensation and cash benefits \$ _____ YEAR
14. Other nontaxable income, specify \$ _____ YEAR
(example: Reverse Mortgage Income...etc)
- TOTAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME FOR THE YEAR 2009 (lines 1-14) \$ _____ YEAR**

I CERTIFY THAT ALL STATEMENTS ABOVE ARE TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

Claimant Signature _____ Date _____

Spouse Signature _____ Date _____

Signature of Preparer if other than claimant _____

Preparer Address _____

PROPERTY ACCOUNT

THIS ACCOUNT IS PART OF YOUR CLAIM

VALUE OF REAL ESTATE	<u>«totasmt»</u>
VALUE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY	\$ _____
Includes Household Goods	
Excludes Motor Vehicles	
TOTAL	\$ _____

IMPORTANT DEFINITIONS:WHAT IS MEANT BY "INCOME"

"Income" means all funds received by an individual and / or his or her spouse

Whatever source derived, including, but not limited to, realized capital gains, gifts, and in their entirety, pensions, annuity, retirement and social security benefits. Income shall be determined in the bases of the calendar year ending with the date of assessment for the year for which the exemption is claimed and each calendar year thereafter.

WHAT IS MEANT BY "RESIDENT"

"Resident" means a person legally domiciled within the City for a period of five years ending with the date of assessment for the year for which the exemption is claimed. Mere seasonal or temporary residence within the City, of whatever duration, shall not constitute domicile within the City for the purpose of this Chapter. Absence from the City for a period of twelve months shall be evidence of abandonment of domicile in the City. The burden of establishing legal domicile within the City is upon the applicant.

****Exemption Applications are selected at random for a thorough audit to insure that exemptions have been properly applied. If your application is selected for audit, you will be required to provide proof of all items listed on this application.***

By ordinance: If the property is transferred, sold, registered owners are deceased, the exemption is subject to be pro-rated to the new listed owner on the date of transfer/death. This pro-rated amount will not apply to married owners who both receive the exemption and one is deceased during the fiscal year.