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MAYOR

ORDINANCE 2023-21

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 129 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE ENTITLED "TAXATION"

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.2, it is within the discretion of the Township Council to determine whether to refund taxes to qualified totally disabled veterans or eligible surviving spouses/civil union or domestic partners of totally disabled veterans or serviceperson; and

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to balance in an equitable way its obligations to qualified totally disabled veterans and eligible surviving spouses/civil union or domestic partners of totally disabled veterans or serviceperson with its obligation to be fiscally responsible and limit the tax burdens imposed on the remaining non-exempt taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the Township has determined that, upon approval of an application by the Township Tax Assessor, it is most fair to provide a full 100% exemption for property taxes for qualified totally disabled veterans and eligible surviving spouses/civil union or domestic partners of totally disabled veterans or serviceperson from the date the exemption application is received and deemed complete by the Township Tax Assessor;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Council of the Township of Florence in the County of Burlington, New Jersey as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 129 of the Code of the Township of Florence entitled "Taxation" is hereby supplemented to add an Article 5:

ARTICLE 5 TOTALLY DISABLED VETERANS

§ 129-20 Disabled veteran exemption established.

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30 et seq., all qualified totally disabled veterans and eligible surviving spouses/civil union or domestic partners of totally disabled veterans or serviceperson owning a taxable residential dwelling in the Township of Florence shall be eligible for a full 100% property tax exemption of their property tax bill following the completion of the necessary application materials to be filed with the Township Tax Assessor. Upon approval of such application by the Township Tax Assessor, the exemption will commence as of the date the exemption application is received and deemed complete by the Township Tax Assessor.

§ 129-21 Refunds for disabled veteran exemption.

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.32, once an application for exemption is approved by the Township Tax Assessor, the Township shall provide refunds of any property taxes paid since the day on which the application was received and deemed complete by the Township Tax Assessor.

SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional 'by a court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall become effective after second reading and publication as required by law.



Bruce Gargano, Council President



Nancy L. Erlston, RMC
Township Clerk

NOTICE
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Take Notice that the Ordinance identified above supplementing Chapter 129 of the Township Code entitled "Taxation" has received final adoption by the Township Council and was approved by the Mayor of the Township of Florence, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, following a public hearing held on December 6, 2023 at 7:00 PM in the Municipal Complex, Council Chambers, 711 Broad Street, Florence, New Jersey.

Copies of the full Ordinance are on file with the Township Clerk of the Township of Florence in the Municipal Complex. The ordinance is posted on the township's website www.florence-nj.gov

Nancy L. Erlston, RMC
Township Clerk

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