



Town of Johnston

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

No. 2023-36

In Favor: 5

Opposed: 0

Robert V. Russo
Council President

08/15/2023
Date

Be it resolved that:

Whereas, The Town of Johnston Tax Assessor currently has the authority to grant a \$40,000 real property exemption from taxation to any senior over the age of 65 years and who owns and occupies residential property located in the town; and;

Whereas, To provide stability in the amount of the exemption for any eligible senior on an on-going basis, the Mayor and Town Council endorse and support moving from the \$40,000 real property exemption to a fixed tax credit for any senior over the age of 65 years and who owns and occupies residential property located in the town;

Now, therefore, be it resolved:

1. That we, the Members of the Johnston Town Council, hereby request the Rhode Island General Assembly to introduce and pass enabling legislation authorizing the Town of Johnston to enact an ordinance to issue a fixed tax credit for real property situated in the Town of Johnston which is owned and occupied by resident owners over sixty-five (65) years of age. An owner of an owner-occupied dwelling who has attained the age of sixty-five (65) years and who is a resident of the Town of Johnston, as provided in said ordinance, shall be entitled to a tax credit in the amount of:

- a. \$800.00 for Fiscal Year 2025;
- b. \$900.00 for Fiscal Year 2026; and
- c. \$1,000.00 for Fiscal Year 2027 and thereafter.

2. That there shall be only one such credit granted to co-tenants, joint tenants, or tenants by the entirety, even though all such co-tenants, joint tenants or tenants by the entirety are over the age of sixty-five (65) years and who owns and occupies the residential property located in the Town of Johnston.

3. That the credit shall be in addition to any and all other exemptions from taxation to which the person may be otherwise entitled, provided, however, that the total amount of all credits and exemptions shall not exceed the amount of the eligible resident owner's total residential property tax bill in that fiscal year.

4. That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage by the Town Council and shall be forwarded to the House and Senate members from the Town of Johnston for introduction and passage.

Resolution No. 2023-35 shall become effective immediately upon the date of its passage.

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Lauren A. Garzone, Vice-President
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Attest: *Vincent P. Baccari, Jr.*
Vincent P. Baccari, Jr., Town Clerk

