



Town of Esopus
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Attention Disabled Veterans

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FACT SHEET

We want to make you aware of an isolated clerical error impacting some residents who receive a “disabled veteran’s exemption.” Since learning of the error, the Town has been dedicated to fixing the issue and ensuring that all disabled veterans, whether they were impacted or not by the error, are made aware through phone calls, a direct mailing, and the Town’s website.

What happened?

Following an internal review, all those who were impacted by the error were identified and contacted. In many cases, the error did not change what was owed on prior tax bills for certain taxing jurisdictions (town -or- county -or- school). Also, the error did not affect other types of veteran’s exemptions (such as the combat, cold war, or alternative veteran’s exemptions). Nor did it impact on any other group(s) eligible for an exemption, and the situation is believed to be isolated.

How is it being fixed?

Those whose taxes were affected by the error will be reimbursed to the maximum extent possible by law. Those whose taxes were not affected by the error will still receive a letter notifying them that their disability rating may have been corrected. NYS RPTL §550(2)(c) states that if an "error in essential fact" is discovered, the party impacted may be reimbursed by the relevant taxing jurisdiction (town -or- county -or- school) for up to “three (3) years following the annexation of the warrant to collect the taxes containing the error.”

What do I need to do?

No action is necessary. The Town has already submitted a correction on your behalf so taxing jurisdictions (town -or- county -or- school) can process reimbursements. If you think your taxes may have been impacted and have not been in communication with the Assessor’s office, please contact the Assessor, Shannon Harris, directly at 845-331-5546.