

LOCAL LAW NO. 5 OF 2023

A LOCAL LAW TO FURTHER UPDATE AND AMEND CHAPTER 87, ARTICLE VI, OF THE TOWN CODE OF THE TOWN OF CHESTER TO AUTHORIZE PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION TO VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE WORKERS WHO HAVE ACCUMULATED AT LEAST TWO YEARS OF SERVICE

Be it enacted by the Town of Chester in the County of Orange, as follows:

Section 1. Purpose and Intent

It is the intent and purpose of this Local Law to further update and amend Chapter 87, Article VI, of the Town Code of the Town of Chester, entitled “Exemption for Volunteer Emergency Personnel”, to grant a partial real property tax exemption to qualifying volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance who have accumulated at least two years of service.

Section 2. Amend §87-9, Subsection (A), Paragraph (4), to read as follows:

§87-9. Exemption Granted

- A. Any qualified member who has been certified by the authority having jurisdiction (hereinafter the “AHJ”) for the incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or volunteer ambulance service as an enrolled member of such incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or volunteer ambulance service shall be entitled to a 10% reduction in the taxable value of their real property for Town real property tax purposes so long as:
 - 4) The applicant has been an enrolled member of incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or volunteer ambulance service for at least 2 years prior to submitting an application for tax exemption; and

Section 3. Severability.

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance, shall be adjusted by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

Section 4. Effective date.

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.