




CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

A COAST GUARD CITY

MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Eisenbeisz and Assembly Members
Thru: John Leach, Municipal Administrator 
From: Larry Reeder, Assessing Director
Date: August 31, 2022
Subject: **Senior Citizen and Disabled Veteran Exemption Application Deadline**

Background

Currently the CBS code concerning senior citizen and disabled veteran exemption applications reads:

For all tax years beginning with the 2002 tax year, the senior citizen or disabled veteran required exemptions set forth in AS [29.45.030](#)(e) and (f) may not be granted except upon written application on a form provided by the assessor. A once qualified senior citizen or disabled veteran need not file the application for successive tax years but must notify the assessor of any change in ownership, residency, permanent place of abode or status of disability

*Exemption application shall be filed by **February 15th** of each year.*

The February 15th deadline has caused confusion for some of the applicants.

Analysis

Moving the application deadline to the end of February will help clear up the confusion and will not impact our ability to meet our Value Notice mailing deadline of March 15th.

Fiscal Note

This change will not have a financial impact to CBS.

Recommendation

I propose moving the application deadline from February 15th to the end of February to better serve our citizens.