

**CITY OF RYE
1051 BOSTON POST ROAD
RYE, NY 10580
AGENDA**

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
Wednesday, March 20, 2024
6:30 p.m.**

1. Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Roll Call.
3. Draft unapproved minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held March 6, 2024.
4. Members of the public may be heard on matters for Council consideration that do not appear on the agenda.
5. Open a public hearing to amend Chapter 177 “Taxation”, Article XIV, “Volunteer Firefighter Exemption” to provide for the real property tax exemption authorized by § 466-a of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York.
6. Open a public hearing to amend Chapter 177 “Taxation”, Article III, “Senior Citizens Exemption” to alter the income calculation used to determine exemptions and increase the income limits.
7. Open a public hearing to amend Chapter 177 “Taxation”, Article VIII, “Exemption for Persons with Disabilities and Limited Incomes” to alter the income calculation used to determine exemptions increase the income limits.
8. Nursery Field Public Discussion. (In lieu of speaking publicly at the meeting, residents may submit written comments to nurseryfield@ryeny.gov which will be included in the public record)
9. Manager’s presentation of 2024 operational priorities.
10. Authorize payment of the balance of the 2023/2024 Rye Neck Union Free School District taxes collected by the City to the School District.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Consideration of a request by the American Legion Post 128 and the Ladies Auxiliary of Post 128 to approve a parade to commemorate Memorial Day to be held on Monday, May 27, 2024, from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
- b) Consideration of a request by the American Legion Post 128 and the Ladies Auxiliary of Post 128 to hold a Memorial Day Ceremony on the Village Green event to be held on Monday, May 27, 2024, from 10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.
- c) Consideration of a request by the American Legion Post 128 and the Ladies Auxiliary of Post 128 to have a food truck on Haviland Lane at the Memorial Day event to be held on Monday, May 27, 2024, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

11. Old Business/New Business.

12. Adjournment

The next regular meeting of the City Council will be held on Wednesday, April 3, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

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UNAPPROVED MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of
the City Council of the City of Rye held in City Hall on
March 6, 2024, at 6:30 P.M.

PRESENT:

JOSH COHN, Mayor
KEITH CUNNINGHAM
SARA GODDARD
BILL HENDERSON
JAMIE JENSEN
JULIE SOUZA
Councilmembers

ABSENT:

JOSH NATHAN

ALSO ATTENDING:

GREG USRY, CITY MANAGER
KEVIN SCHULTZ, DEPUTY CORPORATION COUNSEL
CHRISTIAN MILLER, CITY PLANNER
ERIN MANTZ, RECREATION SUPERINTENDENT
RYAN COYNE, CITY ENGINEER

The Council convened in a public meeting at 6:36 P.M. The meeting was streamed live at www.ryeny.gov for public viewing.

1. [Pledge of Allegiance.](#)

Mayor Cohn led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. [Roll Call.](#)

The City Clerk called the roll and there was a quorum.

3. [Draft unapproved minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held February 28, 2024.](#)

On motion by Councilwoman Souza, seconded by Councilwoman Jensen, it was

RESOLVED to approve the draft unapproved minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held February 28, 2024.

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilpersons Cunningham, Goddard, Henderson, Souza, Mayor Cohn

NAYS: None
ABSENT: Councilman Nathan

4. [Presentation of the 2024 street resurfacing plan.](#)

City Engineer, Ryan Coyne introduced Paving Consultant, Gordon Daring who presented a 3-year street resurfacing plan.

5. [Nursery Field Presentation. \(No public comments will be accepted\)](#)

City Planner, Christian Miller, presented the history of the Nursery Field project. Rye Recreation Superintendent, Erin Mantz, presented youth sports field usage needs. Finally, City Engineer, Ryan Coyne, presented about alternative field locations other than Nursery. Rick McCabe, Chairman of the Rye Recreation Commission, also spoke about Commission priorities.

Councilwoman Souza made a motion to end the pause on the project, seconded by Mayor Cohn. The motion failed with the following voting outcome:

ROLL CALL

AYES: Councilwoman Souza, Mayor Cohn
NAYS: Councilpersons Cunningham, Goddard, Henderson
ABSENT: Councilman Nathan

6. [Members of the public may be heard on matters for Council consideration that do not appear on the agenda.](#)

- Meg Cameron, 5 Martin Butler Court, spoke on the conduct of the Council.

7. [Resolution to declare certain equipment as surplus.](#)

City Manager, Greg Usry, discussed disposing of a vacuum truck through public auction.

On motion by Councilwoman Souza, seconded by Councilman Henderson,

WHEREAS, the City has been provided with a description of equipment identified as being obsolete or will become obsolete during 2024, and,

WHEREAS, the City recommends that said equipment be declared surplus, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that said equipment is declared surplus, and, be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is given to the various departments to donate their inventory or to sell or dispose of said equipment in a manner that will serve in the best interests of the City.

Adopted by the following vote:

ROLL CALL

AYES: Councilpersons Cunningham, Goddard, Henderson, Souza, Mayor Cohn
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Councilman Nathan

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) [Consideration of a request by Rye City Rotary and Rye Arts Center to install the public butterfly sculpture project in May 2024 \(exact date TBD\).](#)

On motion by Councilwoman Souza, seconded by Councilwoman Jensen, it was

RESOLVED to approve all Consent Agenda items.

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilpersons Cunningham, Goddard, Henderson, Souza, Mayor Cohn
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Councilman Nathan

8. [Appointment to Boards and Commissions by Mayor and Council with Council Approval.](#)

Mayor Cohn appointed Reverend Kate Malin as clergy to the Police Advisory Committee, replacing Dan Love. He also appointed Anca DiGiacomo to the vacant seat on the Human Rights Commission.

9. [Resolution adopting rules for agenda setting and conducting business at council meetings.](#)

Councilman Henderson provided an overview and explanation of the policies and procedures. There was discussion amongst the Council and Mayor Cohn read his comments.

On motion by Councilman Henderson, seconded by Councilwoman Souza, it was

RESOLVED to carry this item to the agenda for April 17, 2024.

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilpersons Cunningham, Goddard, Henderson, Souza, Mayor Cohn
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Councilman Nathan

UNAPPROVED MINUTES – Regular Meeting - City Council
March 6, 2024

10. [Old Business/New Business](#)

Nothing for Old Business/New Business.

11. [Adjournment](#)

On motion of Councilwoman Souza, seconded by Mayor Cohn and with the Council in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 10:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Noga Ruttenberg
City Clerk

CITY OF RYE

VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS EXEMPTION

Jon Flynn, City Assessor



MARCH 20, 2024



VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS

- 10% reduction in assessed value
- Must live in the City of Rye
- At least 2 years of active service required
- Lifelong benefit to members serving 20+ years
- Benefit extended to the surviving spouse of a deceased member
- Annual certification report to be provided by the Public Safety Commissioner



VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS TAX LIABILITY

- 17 potential qualifying members
- 10% of each members assessed value multiplied by 2024 tax rate
- Impact on City tax levy = \$6,899.45

CITY OF RYE
INCOME CALCULATION
SENIOR AND DISABLED WITH LIMITED
INCOME EXEMPTIONS





INCOME CALCULATION LOCAL OPTIONS

- NYS has determined that the Federal Adjusted Gross Income (FAGI) will now be the starting point for all adjustments
- The new State law allows City Council to decide which of the following 3 items will be included in the income calculation:
 1. Social Security benefits
 2. Medical and Prescription Drug expenses
 3. Taxable IRA Distributions



1. SOCIAL SECURITY

- The new State law includes Social Security benefits in the income calculation
- Social Security has always been included in income and no action is required to maintain the current calculation
- To exclude them, a local law must be adopted
- Excluding Social Security from income would result in a majority of applicants receiving the maximum 50% benefit
 - Estimated tax liability if all applicants receive a 50% benefit is \$57,000 (versus \$29,000 for 2023)



2. MEDICAL AND PRESCRIPTION DRUG EXPENSES

- The new State law does not allow applicants to deduct medical and prescription drug expenses from income
- These expenses have never been deducted from income and no action is required to maintain the current method of calculation
- Most applicants do not file returns, meaning these expenses are not reported
- To **deduct** medical and prescription drug expenses from income, a local law must be adopted
- Estimating the tax liability is not feasible



3. TAXABLE IRA DISTRIBUTIONS

- The new State law excludes IRA distributions from the calculation
- IRA distributions have never been included in income and to maintain the status quo, no action is required
- To **include** them, a local law must be adopted
- Based on 2023 exemption filings:
 - 19 out of 52 applicants reported IRA distributions
 - 15 applicants reported less than \$9,000
 - All applicants will continue to receive exemption benefits with IRA distributions included in the income calculation, but at a reduced amount
- Adopting a local law to include IRA distributions in the calculation would likely result in a decrease in the number of qualifying applicants

CITY OF RYE
INCOME LIMITS
SENIOR AND DISABLED WITH
LIMITED INCOME EXEMPTIONS





INCOME LIMITS

SENIOR AND DISABLED EXEMPTIONS

- NYS passed a law increasing the income limits for the Senior and Disabled exemptions
 - Offsets cost of living and inflation
- Qualifying applicants can receive a 5% - 50% reduction based on a sliding scale of income
- Current Limits:
 - Senior - \$29,000 up to \$37,399.99 (adopted 2009)
 - Disabled - \$20,500 up to \$28,899.99 (adopted 2001)
- Proposed Limits for Senior and Disabled \$50,000 up to \$58,399.99
- A local law must be adopted to accept the new limits



INCOME LIMITS TAX LIABILITY

- Current impact on tax levy = \$29,116.23
 - Total exempt value multiplied by the 2023 tax rate
- Estimated tax levy based on new limits is approximately \$57,000
- All existing applicants would qualify for 50% under the new limits
- Any increase in tax liability resulting from the new limits is absorbed by the remaining tax base

THANK YOU





CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

DEPT.: City Manager

CONTACT: Greg Usry, City Manager

AGENDA ITEM: Open a public hearing to amend Chapter 177 "Taxation", Article XIV, "Volunteer Firefighter Exemption" to provide for the real property tax exemption authorized by § 466-a of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York.

FOR THE MEETING OF:
March 20, 2024

RECOMMENDATION: That the Mayor and the Council open the public hearing.

IMPACT: Environmental Fiscal Neighborhood Other:

BACKGROUND: See attached memo and draft law.

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CITY OF RYE ASSESSOR

To: Greg Usry

From: Jon Flynn

Date: February 7, 2024

Re: Volunteer Firefighter and Ambulance Worker Exemption

Real Property Tax Law § 466-a recently passed by the NY State Legislature and signed by the governor, authorizes the governing body of a county, city, town, village, school district, fire district, or special district, to partially exempt 10% of the assessed value of the primary residence of a volunteer firefighter or ambulance worker living within the municipality with 2 - 5 years of active service. The law also provides a lifelong benefit to volunteers who have accrued at least 20 years of service. At further local option, this exemption may be extended to the un-remarried surviving spouse of a volunteer who served for at least 20 years and was receiving the exemption prior to their death, and to an un-remarried surviving spouse of a volunteer who was killed in the line of duty, so long as the member served for at least 5 years and was receiving the benefit prior to their death. The volunteer members would need to fill out an application and be certified by the Fire Department annually. It is the responsibility of the City to establish procedures for the certification process.

Volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers are an essential part of the community for the lifesaving duties they provide every day. The benefit of adopting this new law is that the exemption would help retain existing members while also encouraging the enlistment of new members, at a nominal cost to the taxpayers. Among those who have adopted the new law are Westchester County, along with 16 other municipalities within the County (see Schedule A).

According to a report received from the Public Safety Commissioner, the City of Rye currently has 17 volunteer firefighters who could potentially qualify for this exemption. Based on the assessed value of each of their homes, the total impact on the City tax levy would be \$6,899.45. This amount was calculated using 10% of each assessed value multiplied by the 2024 tax rate.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Schedule A-

Municipalities with Volunteer Firefighter/Ambulance Worker Exemptions

- New Rochelle
- Bedford
- Cortlandt
- Greenburgh
- Harrison
- Lewisboro
- Mamaroneck
- Mount Kisco
- Mount Pleasant
- New Castle
- North Castle
- North Salem
- Pound Ridge
- Town of Rye
- Somers
- Yorktown

LOCAL LAW NO. _____-2024

A Local Law to amend Chapter 177, "Taxation" by adding Article XIV, "Volunteer Firefighter Exemption" of the Code of the City of Rye

Be it enacted by the City Council of the City of Rye as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 177, "Taxation", is hereby amended to add Article XIV, "Volunteer Firefighter Exemption" of the Code of the City of Rye as follows:

§ 177-86 Purpose.

The purpose of this article is to provide for the real property tax exemption authorized by § 466-a of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York.

§ 177-87 Real property tax exemption granted.

- A. Upon application to the City Assessor, real property owned by an enrolled member of the volunteer fire department, or the enrolled member or un-remarried surviving spouse, is exempt from City taxation to the extent of 10% of the assessed value of the property exclusive of special assessments, if:
- (1) The applicant resides in the City of Rye;
 - (2) The property is the applicant's primary residence.
 - (3) The property is used exclusively for residential purposes, except that, if any portion of the property is not used exclusively for the applicant's residence but is used for other purposes, the portion used for other purposes is not exempt from taxation as provided by this section and only the portion used for the applicant's residence is entitled to the exemption provided by this section; and
 - (4) The applicant has been certified by the authority having jurisdiction for the volunteer fire department, as having been an enrolled member of the volunteer fire department for at least two years.
- B. Any enrolled member of a volunteer fire department who accrues more than 20 years of active service and is so certified by the authority having jurisdiction for volunteer fire company shall be granted the exemption as authorized by this section for the remainder of his or her life, as well as the un-remarried surviving spouse, as long as his or her primary residence is located within the City of Rye.

§ 177-88 Application for exemption.

Application for such exemption must be made by the owner or all of the owners of the property on forms prescribed by the State Board and furnished by the City Assessor's office, and shall furnish the information and be executed in the manner required or prescribed in such forms, and shall be filed each year in the City Assessor's office on or before the taxable status date, namely, the first day of May.

§ 177-89 Notice to apply for exemption.

At least 60 days prior to the taxable status date, the City Assessor shall mail to each person who was granted exemption pursuant to this article on the latest completed assessment roll an application form and a notice that such application must be filed on or before taxable status date and be approved in order for the

exemption to be granted. Failure to mail any such application form and notice or the failure of such person to receive the same shall not prevent the levy, collection and enforcement of the payment of the taxes on property owned by such person.

§ 177-90 Penalties for offenses.

Any conviction of having made any willful false statement in the application for such exemption shall be punishable by a fine of not more than \$100 and shall disqualify the applicant or applicants from further exemption for a period of five years.

Section 2. Severability.

The invalidity of any word, section, clause, paragraph, sentence, part or provision of this Local Law shall not affect the validity of any other part of this Local Law that can be given effect without such invalid part or parts.

Section 3. Effective Date.

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and filing with the Secretary of State.



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

DEPT.: City Manager

CONTACT: Greg Usry, City Manager

AGENDA ITEM: Open a public hearing to amend Chapter 177 "Taxation", Article III, "Senior Citizens Exemption" to alter the income calculation used to determine exemptions and increase income limits.

FOR THE MEETING OF:
March 20, 2024

RECOMMENDATION: That the Mayor and the Council set the public hearing.

IMPACT: Environmental Fiscal Neighborhood Other:

BACKGROUND: See attached memo and draft law.

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CITY OF RYE ASSESSOR

To: Greg Usry

From: Jon Flynn

Date: February 7, 2024

Re: Amendment to the Income Calculation for Senior and Disabled Exemptions

New York State recently adopted a law which redefines the income calculation under Real Property Tax Law (RPTL) 467, Partial Tax Exemption for Real Property of Senior Citizens, and Real Property Tax Law (RPTL) 459-C, Partial Tax Exemption for Real Property of Persons with Disabilities and Limited Income. To qualify for these exemptions the combined income of all owners must not exceed the income threshold adopted by each taxing jurisdiction, \$37,399.99 under RPTL 467 and \$28,899.99 under RPTL 459-C. The income calculation for these exemptions previously was derived from various items on the applicant's Federal or State tax returns. To simplify this calculation, the State has determined the Federal Adjusted Gross Income (FAGI) will now be used as the starting point for all adjustments. Under the new law, local governments and school districts can opt to include, or exclude, up to 3 separate provisions pertaining to how income is added or subtracted from FAGI.

1. The new provision would allow applicants to deduct IRA distributions from FAGI, which could potentially increase the number of qualifying candidates. In the past, IRA distributions were never deducted from the total income, but allowing applicants to exclude them poses an unfair advantage to those who do not have the same ability. **To ensure fairness when computing income for all applicants, the City Council would have to adopt a local law to include IRA distributions as income.**
2. The City also has the option to exclude Social Security benefits from the income calculation. These benefits have always been accounted for in the past as they are typically the primary source of income for a majority of applicants. **No action is required to maintain the current calculation.**
3. Lastly, the new law provides an option to deduct medical and prescription drug expenses not covered by insurance. Similar to the IRA distributions, a deduction of these expenses is a departure from the current calculation and could increase the number of qualifying applicants. Allowing this deduction could also be a burdensome administrative task as most applicants do

not file tax returns, meaning these expenses are not reported. **Again, no action is required to preserve the current method.**

Currently, Scarsdale is the only municipality to act on the new laws, opting to include IRA distributions and Social Security benefits as income. No action was taken on the third option which prohibits applicants from deducting medical and prescription drug expenses. The City has 52 residents who receive a Senior Citizen or Disabled with Limited Income exemption and the impact on the current tax levy for these exemptions is \$29,116, which is absorbed by the remaining taxpayers. Since we have not yet received the 2023 income of existing applicants and because the number of potential new applicants is unknown, there is no way of estimating how a revision to the current method of calculating income will affect future tax levies.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this matter.

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CITY OF RYE ASSESSOR

To: Greg Usry

From: Jon Flynn

Date: February 7, 2024

Re: Senior and Disabled Exemption Limit Increase

New York State and Westchester County recently passed bills increasing the income limits under laws RP 467, Partial Tax Exemption for Real Property of Senior Citizens (with limited income), and RP 459C, Partial Tax Exemption for Real Property of Persons with Disabilities and Limited Income. Local governments and school districts in New York State can opt to grant a reduction in the amount of property taxes paid by qualifying senior citizens and persons with disabilities.

Both the senior exemption and the disability exemption currently provide a reduction of up to 50% in the assessed value of the residence of qualified person(s). Those municipalities that offer the exemption set an income limit which may be as low as \$3,000 and as high as \$50,000. The current income limits adopted previously by the City Council are \$29,000 with a sliding scale up to \$37,399.99 for the senior exemption, and \$20,500 with a sliding scale up to \$28,899.99 for the disability exemption. Under the new law, Westchester County maximum income limits are increased to \$50,000 with a sliding scale applicable to incomes up to \$58,400 (see Schedule A). A qualifying resident would be granted a reduction between 5% and 50% depending on where their income lies within this range, with 50% being the maximum benefit for residents with an income below \$50,000.

Among those who have adopted the new income limits are Westchester County, along with 15 other municipalities who have adopted new senior limits and 11 municipalities who have adopted new disabled limits (see Schedule B). The benefit to the residents in these communities is property tax relief to help alleviate financial strain due to inflation. It will give more residents an opportunity to receive the exemption and allow them to afford rising real estate taxes on their homes. The downside is that any decrease in property taxes following the adoption of the new law will result in an increase in tax liability absorbed by the remainder of the tax base.

Since the County previously adopted the new income limits in 2023, an estimate of the tax liability increase can be provided by analyzing the County and City exemptions for 2023. The total 2023 City property tax attributable to the current exemptions is \$29,116. Under the proposed legislation where the maximum income limit would be \$50,000, all existing applicants would be eligible for a 50% exemption because their income is less than \$37,399.99 (the current City limit to qualify for a 5% exemption). If the City adopts the limit increase, the tax exposure attributable to the exemption would grow to approximately \$57,000. This estimate is based on existing residents who receive the Senior or Disabled with Limited Income exemptions, and it does not account for any potential new applicants.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Schedule A-Senior

CURRENT CITY LIMITS

PROPOSED CITY

\$0 to \$29,000.00	50%	\$0 to \$50,000.00	50%
\$29,000.01 to \$29,999.99	45%	\$50,000.01 to \$50,999.99	45%
\$30,000.00 to \$30,999.99	40%	\$51,000.00 to \$51,999.99	40%
\$31,000.00 to \$31,999.99	35%	\$52,000.00 to \$52,999.99	35%
\$32,000.00 to \$32,899.99	30%	\$53,000.00 to \$53,899.99	30%
\$32,900.00 to \$33,799.99	25%	\$53,900.00 to \$54,799.99	25%
\$33,800.00 to \$34,699.99	20%	\$54,800.00 to \$55,699.99	20%
\$34,700.00 to \$35,599.99	15%	\$55,700.00 to \$56,599.99	15%
\$35,600.00 to \$36,499.99	10%	\$56,600.00 to \$57,499.99	10%
\$36,500.00 to \$37,399.99	5%	\$57,500.00 to \$58,399.99	5%

Schedule A-Disabled

CURRENT CITY LIMITS

PROPOSED CITY

\$0 to \$20,500.00	50%	\$0 to \$50,000.00	50%
\$20,500.01 to \$21,499.99	45%	\$50,000.01 to \$50,999.99	45%
\$21,500.00 to \$22,499.99	40%	\$51,000.00 to \$51,999.99	40%
\$22,500.00 to \$23,499.99	35%	\$52,000.00 to \$52,999.99	35%
\$23,500.00 to \$24,399.99	30%	\$53,000.00 to \$53,899.99	30%
\$24,400.00 to \$25,299.99	25%	\$53,900.00 to \$54,799.99	25%
\$25,300.00 to \$26,199.99	20%	\$54,800.00 to \$55,699.99	20%
\$26,200.00 to \$27,099.99	15%	\$55,700.00 to \$56,599.99	15%
\$27,100.00 to \$27,999.99	10%	\$56,600.00 to \$57,499.99	10%
\$28,000.00 to \$28,899.99	5%	\$57,500.00 to \$58,399.99	5%

Schedule B-Municipalities with New Limits

Municipalities with New Senior Limits

- New Rochelle
- Yonkers
- Bedford
- Greenburgh
- Lewisboro
- Mamaroneck
- Mount Pleasant
- New Castle
- North Castle
- North Salem
- Ossining
- Pelham (No Disabled Exemption)
- Pound Ridge
- Scarsdale
- Yorktown

Municipalities with New Disabled Limits

- New Rochelle
- Yonkers
- Bedford
- Greenburgh
- Lewisboro
- Mamaroneck
- Mount Pleasant (2024)
- North Castle
- North Salem
- Ossining
- Pound Ridge
- Scarsdale
- Yorktown

LOCAL LAW NO. _____-2024

A Local Law to amend Chapter 177, “Taxation”, Article III, “Senior Citizens’ Exemption” of the Code of the City of Rye, by amending § 177-25, “Exemption stated” and § 177-26, “Conditions of exemption” only to the extent of further defining the term income and increase income limits.

Be it enacted by the City Council of the City of Rye as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 177, “Taxation”, Article III, “Senior Citizens’ Exemption” of the Code of the City of Rye, § 177-25, “Exemption stated” is hereby amended as follows:

§ 177-25 Exemption stated. [Amended 11-2-1983 by L.L. No. 9-1983; 3-4-1987 by L.L. No. 1-1987; 5-1-1996 by L.L. No. 3-1996]

Pursuant to § 467 of the Real Property Tax Law, real property owned by one or more persons, each of whom is 65 years of age or over, or real property owned by husband and wife, or by siblings, one of whom is 65 years of age or over, shall be exempt from taxation by the City of Rye to the extent permitted by the schedule of exemptions [contained in § 467 of the Real Property Tax Law] **herein in this section**. In addition, persons meeting the above-described age requirements who own shares in a residential cooperative corporation shall be exempt from taxation by the City of Rye to the extent permitted and pursuant to the terms of Subsection 3(a) of § 467 of the Real Property Tax Law.

Annual Income	Percentage of Assessed Value Exempt From Taxation
<u>\$0 to \$50,000.00</u>	50%
<u>\$50,000.01 to \$50,999.99</u>	45%
<u>\$51,000.00 to \$51,999.99</u>	40%
<u>\$52,000.00 to \$52,999.99</u>	35%
<u>\$53,000.00 to \$53,899.99</u>	30%
<u>\$53,900.00 to \$54,799.99</u>	25%
<u>\$54,800.00 to \$55,699.99</u>	20%
<u>\$55,700.00 to \$56,599.99</u>	15%
<u>\$56,600.00 to \$57,499.99</u>	10%
<u>\$57,500.00 to \$58,399.99</u>	5%

Section 2. Chapter 177, “Taxation”, Article III, “Senior Citizens’ Exemption” of the Code of the City of Rye, § 177-26, “Conditions of exemption” is hereby amended as follows:

§ 177-26 Conditions of exemption. [Amended 5-2-1973 by L.L. No. 1-1973; 11-20-1974 by L.L. No. 1-1974; 11-16-1977 by L.L. No. 7-1977; 9-19-1979 by L.L. No. 3-1979; 12-3-1980 by L.L. No. 10-1980; 4-6-1983 by L.L. No. 2-1983; 11-2-1983 by L.L. No. 9-1983; 3-4-1987 by L.L. No. 1-1987; 4-4-1990 by L.L. No. 8-1990; 5-1-1996 by L.L. No. 3-1996]

No exemption shall be granted:

- A. If the income of the owner or the combined income of the owners of the property for the income tax year immediately preceding the date of making application for exemption exceeds the maximum sum permitted by the schedule of exemptions contained in § 467 of the Real Property Tax Law. Where title is vested in either the husband or wife, their combined income may not exceed such sum. Such income, **as defined in the Real Property Tax Law §467(3)**, shall include social security and retirement benefits, interest, dividends, total gain from the sale or exchange of a capital asset which may be offset by a loss from the sale or exchange of a capital asset in the same income tax year, net rental income, salary or earnings, [and] net income from self-employment **and any distribution received from an individual retirement account or an individual retirement annuity** but shall not include supplemental security income, a return of capital, gifts or inheritances.
- B. Unless the owner shall have held an exemption under this section for his previous residence and unless the title of the property shall have been vested in the owner or one of the owners of the property for at least 12 consecutive months prior to the date of making application for exemption. Where a residence is sold and replaced with another within one year and both residences are within the state, the period of ownership of both properties shall be deemed consecutive for purposes of the exemption.
- C. Unless the property is used exclusively for residential purposes.
- D. Unless the real property is the legal residence of and is occupied in whole or in part by the owner or by all of the owners of the property.

Section 3. Severability.

The invalidity of any word, section, clause, paragraph, sentence, part or provision of this Local Law shall not affect the validity of any other part of this Local Law that can be given effect without such invalid part or parts.

Section 4. Effective Date.

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and filing with the Secretary of State.



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

DEPT.: City Manager

CONTACT: Greg Usry, City Manager

AGENDA ITEM: Open a public hearing to amend Chapter 177 "Taxation", Article VIII, "Exemption for Persons with Disabilities and Limited Incomes" to alter the income calculation used to determine exemptions and increase income limits.

FOR THE MEETING OF:
March 20, 2024

RECOMMENDATION: That the Mayor and the Council open the public hearing.

IMPACT: Environmental Fiscal Neighborhood Other:

BACKGROUND: See attached memo and draft law.

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CITY OF RYE ASSESSOR

To: Greg Usry

From: Jon Flynn

Date: February 7, 2024

Re: Amendment to the Income Calculation for Senior and Disabled Exemptions

New York State recently adopted a law which redefines the income calculation under Real Property Tax Law (RPTL) 467, Partial Tax Exemption for Real Property of Senior Citizens, and Real Property Tax Law (RPTL) 459-C, Partial Tax Exemption for Real Property of Persons with Disabilities and Limited Income. To qualify for these exemptions the combined income of all owners must not exceed the income threshold adopted by each taxing jurisdiction, \$37,399.99 under RPTL 467 and \$28,899.99 under RPTL 459-C. The income calculation for these exemptions previously was derived from various items on the applicant's Federal or State tax returns. To simplify this calculation, the State has determined the Federal Adjusted Gross Income (FAGI) will now be used as the starting point for all adjustments. Under the new law, local governments and school districts can opt to include, or exclude, up to 3 separate provisions pertaining to how income is added or subtracted from FAGI.

1. The new provision would allow applicants to deduct IRA distributions from FAGI, which could potentially increase the number of qualifying candidates. In the past, IRA distributions were never deducted from the total income, but allowing applicants to exclude them poses an unfair advantage to those who do not have the same ability. **To ensure fairness when computing income for all applicants, the City Council would have to adopt a local law to include IRA distributions as income.**
2. The City also has the option to exclude Social Security benefits from the income calculation. These benefits have always been accounted for in the past as they are typically the primary source of income for a majority of applicants. **No action is required to maintain the current calculation.**
3. Lastly, the new law provides an option to deduct medical and prescription drug expenses not covered by insurance. Similar to the IRA distributions, a deduction of these expenses is a departure from the current calculation and could increase the number of qualifying applicants. Allowing this deduction could also be a burdensome administrative task as most applicants do

not file tax returns, meaning these expenses are not reported. **Again, no action is required to preserve the current method.**

Currently, Scarsdale is the only municipality to act on the new laws, opting to include IRA distributions and Social Security benefits as income. No action was taken on the third option which prohibits applicants from deducting medical and prescription drug expenses. The City has 52 residents who receive a Senior Citizen or Disabled with Limited Income exemption and the impact on the current tax levy for these exemptions is \$29,116, which is absorbed by the remaining taxpayers. Since we have not yet received the 2023 income of existing applicants and because the number of potential new applicants is unknown, there is no way of estimating how a revision to the current method of calculating income will affect future tax levies.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this matter.

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CITY OF RYE ASSESSOR

To: Greg Usry

From: Jon Flynn

Date: February 7, 2024

Re: Senior and Disabled Exemption Limit Increase

New York State and Westchester County recently passed bills increasing the income limits under laws RP 467, Partial Tax Exemption for Real Property of Senior Citizens (with limited income), and RP 459C, Partial Tax Exemption for Real Property of Persons with Disabilities and Limited Income. Local governments and school districts in New York State can opt to grant a reduction in the amount of property taxes paid by qualifying senior citizens and persons with disabilities.

Both the senior exemption and the disability exemption currently provide a reduction of up to 50% in the assessed value of the residence of qualified person(s). Those municipalities that offer the exemption set an income limit which may be as low as \$3,000 and as high as \$50,000. The current income limits adopted previously by the City Council are \$29,000 with a sliding scale up to \$37,399.99 for the senior exemption, and \$20,500 with a sliding scale up to \$28,899.99 for the disability exemption. Under the new law, Westchester County maximum income limits are increased to \$50,000 with a sliding scale applicable to incomes up to \$58,400 (see Schedule A). A qualifying resident would be granted a reduction between 5% and 50% depending on where their income lies within this range, with 50% being the maximum benefit for residents with an income below \$50,000.

Among those who have adopted the new income limits are Westchester County, along with 15 other municipalities who have adopted new senior limits and 11 municipalities who have adopted new disabled limits (see Schedule B). The benefit to the residents in these communities is property tax relief to help alleviate financial strain due to inflation. It will give more residents an opportunity to receive the exemption and allow them to afford rising real estate taxes on their homes. The downside is that any decrease in property taxes following the adoption of the new law will result in an increase in tax liability absorbed by the remainder of the tax base.

Since the County previously adopted the new income limits in 2023, an estimate of the tax liability increase can be provided by analyzing the County and City exemptions for 2023. The total 2023 City property tax attributable to the current exemptions is \$29,116. Under the proposed legislation where the maximum income limit would be \$50,000, all existing applicants would be eligible for a 50% exemption because their income is less than \$37,399.99 (the current City limit to qualify for a 5% exemption). If the City adopts the limit increase, the tax exposure attributable to the exemption would grow to approximately \$57,000. This estimate is based on existing residents who receive the Senior or Disabled with Limited Income exemptions, and it does not account for any potential new applicants.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Schedule A-Senior

CURRENT CITY LIMITS

PROPOSED CITY

\$0 to \$29,000.00	50%	\$0 to \$50,000.00	50%
\$29,000.01 to \$29,999.99	45%	\$50,000.01 to \$50,999.99	45%
\$30,000.00 to \$30,999.99	40%	\$51,000.00 to \$51,999.99	40%
\$31,000.00 to \$31,999.99	35%	\$52,000.00 to \$52,999.99	35%
\$32,000.00 to \$32,899.99	30%	\$53,000.00 to \$53,899.99	30%
\$32,900.00 to \$33,799.99	25%	\$53,900.00 to \$54,799.99	25%
\$33,800.00 to \$34,699.99	20%	\$54,800.00 to \$55,699.99	20%
\$34,700.00 to \$35,599.99	15%	\$55,700.00 to \$56,599.99	15%
\$35,600.00 to \$36,499.99	10%	\$56,600.00 to \$57,499.99	10%
\$36,500.00 to \$37,399.99	5%	\$57,500.00 to \$58,399.99	5%

Schedule A-Disabled

CURRENT CITY LIMITS

PROPOSED CITY

\$0 to \$20,500.00	50%	\$0 to \$50,000.00	50%
\$20,500.01 to \$21,499.99	45%	\$50,000.01 to \$50,999.99	45%
\$21,500.00 to \$22,499.99	40%	\$51,000.00 to \$51,999.99	40%
\$22,500.00 to \$23,499.99	35%	\$52,000.00 to \$52,999.99	35%
\$23,500.00 to \$24,399.99	30%	\$53,000.00 to \$53,899.99	30%
\$24,400.00 to \$25,299.99	25%	\$53,900.00 to \$54,799.99	25%
\$25,300.00 to \$26,199.99	20%	\$54,800.00 to \$55,699.99	20%
\$26,200.00 to \$27,099.99	15%	\$55,700.00 to \$56,599.99	15%
\$27,100.00 to \$27,999.99	10%	\$56,600.00 to \$57,499.99	10%
\$28,000.00 to \$28,899.99	5%	\$57,500.00 to \$58,399.99	5%

Schedule B-Municipalities with New Limits

Municipalities with New Senior Limits

- New Rochelle
- Yonkers
- Bedford
- Greenburgh
- Lewisboro
- Mamaroneck
- Mount Pleasant
- New Castle
- North Castle
- North Salem
- Ossining
- Pelham (No Disabled Exemption)
- Pound Ridge
- Scarsdale
- Yorktown

Municipalities with New Disabled Limits

- New Rochelle
- Yonkers
- Bedford
- Greenburgh
- Lewisboro
- Mamaroneck
- Mount Pleasant (2024)
- North Castle
- North Salem
- Ossining
- Pound Ridge
- Scarsdale
- Yorktown

LOCAL LAW NO. _____-2024

A Local Law to amend Chapter 177, “Taxation”, Article VIII, “Exemption for Persons with Disabilities and Limited Incomes” of the Code of the City of Rye, by amending § 177-38, “Eligible persons and property; income level; conditions for exemption” only to the extent of further defining the source components of income and increase income limits.

Be it enacted by the City Council of the City of Rye as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 177, “Taxation”, Article VIII, “Exemption for Persons with Disabilities and Limited Incomes” of the Code of the City of Rye is hereby amended as follows:

§ 177-38 Eligible persons and property; income level; conditions for exemption.

Real property owned by one or more persons with disabilities, as defined in New York State Real Property Tax Law § 459-c, or owned by a husband, wife, or both, or by siblings, at least one of whom has a disability, shall be exempt from taxes up to a maximum of 50% of the assessed valuation, pursuant to the following schedule and subject to the following conditions:

Current Annual Income	Proposed Annual Income	Percentage of Assessed Value Exempt From Taxation
[\$0 to \$20,500.00]	<u>\$0 to \$50,000.00</u>	50%
[\$20,500.01 to \$21,499.99]	<u>\$50,000.01 to \$50,999.99</u>	45%
[\$21,500.00 to \$22,499.99]	<u>\$51,000.00 to \$51,999.99</u>	40%
[\$22,500.00 to \$23,499.99]	<u>\$52,000.00 to \$52,999.99</u>	35%
[\$23,500.00 to \$24,399.99]	<u>\$53,000.00 to \$53,899.99</u>	30%
[\$24,400.00 to \$25,299.99]	<u>\$53,900.00 to \$54,799.99</u>	25%
[\$25,300.00 to \$26,199.99]	<u>\$54,800.00 to \$55,699.99</u>	20%
[\$26,200.00 to \$27,099.99]	<u>\$55,700.00 to \$56,599.99</u>	15%
[\$27,100.00 to \$27,999.99]	<u>\$56,600.00 to \$57,499.99</u>	10%
[\$28,000.00 to \$28,899.99]	<u>\$57,500.00 to \$58,399.99</u>	5%

- A. The income of the owner or the combined income of the owners of the property, from all sources, **including social security benefits and any distribution received from an individual retirement account or an individual retirement annuity** as set forth in New York State Real Property Tax Law § 459-c, for the income tax year immediately preceding the date of making application for exemption must not exceed \$58,399.99. "Income tax year" shall mean the twelve-month period for which the owner or owners file a federal personal income tax return or, if no such return is filed, the calendar year.
- B. Only that portion of property used exclusively for residential purposes shall be eligible for exemption pursuant to this article.
- C. Except as otherwise provided for in New York State Real Property Tax Law § 459-c, to be eligible for exemption pursuant to this article, property must be the legal residence, and be occupied, in whole or in part, by the disabled person.
- D. Any exemption provided by this article shall be computed after all other partial exemptions allowed by law have been subtracted from the total amount assessed; provided, however, that no parcel may receive both an exemption pursuant to this article and a senior citizens tax exemption pursuant to Article III of this chapter.
- E. Notwithstanding any other provision of this article to the contrary, the provisions of this article shall apply to real property held in trust solely for the benefit of a person or persons who would otherwise be eligible for a real property tax exemption, pursuant to this article, were such person or persons the owner or owners of such real property.

Section 2. **Severability.**

The invalidity of any word, section, clause, paragraph, sentence, part or provision of this Local Law shall not affect the validity of any other part of this Local Law that can be given effect without such invalid part or parts.

Section 3. **Effective Date.**

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and filing with the Secretary of State.



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

DEPT.: City Manager

CONTACT: Greg Usry, City Manager

AGENDA ITEM:

Nursery Field Public Discussion

FOR THE MEETING OF:

March 20, 2024

RECOMMENDATION:

IMPACT: Environmental Fiscal Neighborhood Other:

BACKGROUND:



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

DEPT.: City Manager

CONTACT: Greg Usry, City Manager

AGENDA ITEM:

Manager presentation of 2024 operational priorities.

FOR THE MEETING OF:

March 20, 2024

RECOMMENDATION: That the Council hear the report.

IMPACT: Environmental Fiscal Neighborhood Other:

BACKGROUND:

CITY OF RYE 2024 OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES





2024 OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that it is the desire of the City Council to have the City Manager present what the City’s 2024 operational priorities and needs are so the Council and the public have a better understanding of what we should be anticipating in the next 12 to 24 months; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council would like to have the City Manager present these operational priorities to the Council at a work session meeting in February or as soon thereafter as he may be prepared.”

-Rye City Council Resolution – January 10, 2024

The City’s Operational Priorities are the result of:

- Annual/periodic infrastructure needs
- Public Safety Requirements (including storm events)
- Court ordered actions
- Employee investments
- City Council initiatives
- Administrative requirements

2024/25 Priorities

- Personnel
- Projects
- Planning



PERSONNEL

- The single greatest and most important City asset is its 150 employees.
 - Over 50% of our Department Heads have been employed by the City for over 10 years.
 - Our workforce is dedicated, creative, and reflects the community's character.
 - Senior management is committed to significantly enhancing our Human Resource function through:
 1. Training
 2. Support
 3. Engagement



PERSONNEL - TRAINING

Training: In addition to required training and continuing education we are committed to enhancing employee training and learning opportunities. In 2023 we introduced our first online training which allowed employees to complete mandatory courses more conveniently.

Goals for 2024 include:

- Adding work stations in City Hall to access optional learning opportunities
- Promoting specific courses (over 5,000 available through a more robust communication schedule)
- Participating in available off site training opportunities for supervisors, employees in new roles, and/or opportunities for high performing individuals



PERSONNEL - SUPPORT

Support: The City recognizes the need for employee support as it relates to daily operations and social/emotional wellness.

Goals for 2024 Include:

- Working with Westchester County EAP to provide on site training and additional measures
- Establish “Lunch and Learn” opportunities related to mind and body wellness, effective communication and stress management
- Offer additional support resources with professionals in specific fields
- Provide an on-site health and wellness fair with local vendors
- Implement a robust time and attendance platform (this platform will be used as a communication platform for all users and allow for easier tracking, time off request, workflow visibility, reminders based on anniversary dates accruals, etc.)



PERSONNEL – ENGAGEMENT

Employee engagement and satisfaction is not only the key to general workplace enjoyment, but also contributes to productivity and efficiency. In 2023, we conducted our first staff survey seeking key inputs to our employee experience. Responses included:

1. Workplace aesthetics
2. Interest in team building opportunities and desire for more social interaction
3. The need for private space accessibility during employee breaks (this is being addressed during the employee lounge renovation of interior space)
4. New employee-wide communication efforts versus the current top-down communication structure



PERSONNEL– STAFFING REVIEW AND PLANNING

Apart from advances in HR support it is critical to review staffing needs and strategically plan for the future. The review provides a long term “plan” to address community and employee needs beyond the annual budget cycle. Contributing factors include:

- Complexity of land use and construction
- Quality of life expectations and code enforcement requests
- Public safety needs and demands
- Historic financial constraints and budgetary/economic changes
- Technology improvements resulting in greater efficiency
- Numerous and complex legal/regulatory issues
- Changing demographics (children/seniors)



CITY OPERATIONS – STAFFING REVIEW AND PLANNING

Over the next 24 months we will undertake a staffing review for key City Departments

The review and analysis will include current staffing relative to changing needs, community expectations, accepted/relevant industry comparisons and opportunities to utilize consultants or outside resources.

Findings and recommendations will reflect a long- term (multi year budget process) and will be fiscally sensitive.



PROJECTS

- Beginning in 2018, the then Council identified a list of significant infrastructure needs. These were long deferred projects requiring priority attention.
- In 2018 the City entered into a Stipulated Settlement and consent order related to the sanitary sewer; separate and apart from the priority projects.
- In total, the City is undertaking over \$98 million of capital projects; the largest capital improvement program in Rye's history.
- Due to the timing of the legal requirements to complete the sanitary sewer work in 2024, as well as the coincidental timing of other significant projects, much of 2024 will be dedicated to major City projects. ***These projects (namely the sanitary sewer work) will be the single most important operational focus in 2024.***



PROJECTS COMPLETED (2019-PRESENT)

Sanitary Sewer Improvements

In meeting the requirements of the Stipulated Order the City replaced the Central Ave. Pump Station, Brevoort Ln. Pump Station, Midland Ave. Sewer and the Locust Ave. Sewer

Rye Recreation

Rec Park improvements include two comfort stations, two pavilions, amphitheater, walking path, pollinator garden, bioretention pond and a comprehensive landscaping plan.

Road Resurfacing

Over 35 lane miles resurfaced, as well the Rye Rec parking lot, RAC parking lot, Boat Basin parking lot, and significant aspects of the MTA commuter lot.

Boat Basin and Channel Dredge

Two season dredge of the Federal Channel and the Boat Basin (including piling replacements); the first comprehensive dredge in over 20 years.



PROJECTS UNDERWAY

Salt Shed

Public Works is constructing retaining walls and performing site work for installation of the foundation.

DPW Building 7

Demolition of the prior roof and trusses has been completed and materials are being prepared for the roof replacement.

Rec Park Tennis and Pickleball Court Complex

Public Works has completed the stormwater and foundation work, with resurfacing and fencing to be completed by early Summer.

Sanitary Sewers

Approximately 22,000 linear feet of Sewer Pipe Lining and 500 manhole repairs/replacements and sewer spot repairs citywide is underway.

Flooding

Following Ida, the City began a long-term program to address the Blind Brook watershed flood risk. The work included comprehensive studies, regional municipal collaboration, and the engagement of State and Federal officials. These efforts are ongoing and will require periodic staff time and focus.

Local Stormwater Infrastructure

The City's aged and undersized stormwater infrastructure contributes to regular area flooding. We have completed engineering design work and will start specified repairs in the next 90 days.



PRIORITY PROJECT STATUS

PROJECT	DESIGN	REGULATORY REVIEW	BID	AWARD	CONSTRUCTION	COMPLETION
City Hall HVAC (\$2,400,000)	COMPLETED	NEAR COMPLETION	SUMMER 2024	SUMMER 2024	WINTER 2024/ SPRING 2025	SUMMER 2025
Fuel Depot (\$350,000)	COMPLETED	COMPLETED	COMPLETED	COMPLETED	UNDERWAY	SUMMER 2024
Building 5 (\$7,000,000)	FINAL CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS UNDERWAY	COMPLETED	SPRING 2024	SPRING 2024	STARTING SUMMER 2024	SUMMER 2026
Forest Ave. Sidewalks (\$2,800,000)	UNDERWAY	PENDING	FALL 2024	FALL 2024	SPRING 2025	WINTER 2025
Theodore Fremd Wall	COMPLETED	NEAR COMPLETION	SPRING 2024	SPRING 2024	SUMMER 2024	WINTER 2024



PLANNING

- Comprehensive Plan
- Technology
- MTA Commuter Lot
- RGC Pool
- Traffic and Pedestrian Safety

THANK YOU





CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

DEPT.: Finance

CONTACT: Joseph Fazzino, Deputy City Comptroller

AGENDA ITEM: Authorize payment of the balance of the 2023/2024 Rye Neck Union Free School District taxes collected by the City to the School District.

FOR THE MEETING OF:

March 20, 2024

RYE CITY CODE,

CHAPTER 22.9

SECTION

RECOMMENDATION: That the Mayor and the City Council authorize payment of the 12/31/23 balance of \$123,502.96 on 3/20/2024.

IMPACT: Environmental Fiscal Neighborhood Other:

BACKGROUND:

The balance of unpaid Rye Neck U.F.S.D. taxes on property within the City of Rye is \$123,502.96 at 12/31/23. This balance represents 1.1% of the total tax levied, \$12,190,605, on September 1, 2023. Arrears notices will be mailed in conjunction with the 2024 City tax bills, and again during March 2024, May 2024, and June 2024 to try to collect these balances prior to the filing of the list of delinquent taxes with the County scheduled for July 1, 2024.

In accordance with Section 22.9 of the City Charter, it is requested that the City Council authorize the City Comptroller to pay the Treasurer of the Rye Neck UFSD the amount due on December 31, 2023.



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

DEPT.: City Manager

CONTACT: Greg Usry, City Manager

AGENDA ITEM: Consideration of a request by the American Legion Post 128 and the Ladies Auxiliary of Post 128 to approve a parade to commemorate Memorial Day to be held on Monday, May 27, 2024, from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

FOR THE MEETING OF:

March 20, 2024

RECOMMENDATION: That the Council consider granting the request.

IMPACT: Environmental Fiscal Neighborhood Other:

BACKGROUND:

The American Legion Post 128 and the Ladies Auxiliary of Post 128 is requesting the Council approve a parade to commemorate Memorial Day to be held on Monday, May 27, 2024 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

See attached request from Robin Latimer of Rye American Legion Post 128.



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

DEPT.: City Manager

CONTACT: Greg Usry, City Manager

AGENDA ITEM: Consideration of a request by the American Legion Post 128 and the Ladies Auxiliary of Post 128 to hold a Memorial Day Ceremony on the Village Green event to be held on Monday, May 27, 2024, from 10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

FOR THE MEETING OF:

March 20, 2024

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve the request.

IMPACT: Environmental Fiscal Neighborhood Other:

BACKGROUND:

This event is held annually on the Village Green without incident, complaints, or problems.



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

DEPT.: City Manager

CONTACT: Greg Usry, City Manger

AGENDA ITEM: Consideration of a request by the American Legion Post 128 and the Ladies Auxiliary of Post 128 to have a food truck on Haviland Lane at the Memorial Day event to be held on Monday, May 27, 2024, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

FOR THE MEETING OF:

March 20, 2024

RECOMMENDATION: That the Council consider granting the request.

IMPACT: Environmental Fiscal Neighborhood Other:

BACKGROUND:

The American Legion Post 128 and the Ladies Auxiliary of Post 128 will host the parade and event to commemorate Memorial Day on Monday, May 27, 2024, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. They are requesting approval from the City Council for a food truck to be set up on Haviland Lane for the duration of the event.

Ruttenberg, Noga P.

From: Robin Latimer <latimerrp@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 3, 2024 2:27 PM
To: Ruttenberg, Noga P.
Subject: Re: Memorial Day Ceremony

1. Parade

The Rye American Legion Post 128 Auxiliary respectfully requests to have a parade from Rye train station to Rye City Hall on Memorial Day, May 27, 2024. We plan to assemble at the train station around 8:30 and for the march to begin at 9:30am. We would then proceed down Purchase Street to Rye City Hall for the ceremony.

2. Ceremony

Rye American Legion Post 128 plans to conduct its usual Memorial Day observance on Monday, May 27 2024. We request to use the Village Green for the Memorial Day ceremony. Kindly grant us permission to use the Village Green for that purpose.

The ceremony will commence at 10:30 AM and will last for approximately one hour. Please provide a speakers' stand, PA system, and seating. Would you also be kind enough to see that City Hall's doors are unlocked so that members of the gathering have access to rest rooms?

Also, as in the past, we will have a food truck. Can they park on Haviland La.?

Thank you for all you do,

Robin Latimer