**PROGRAMS AND EXEMPTIONS**

**Homeowner’s Program** begins on February 1st and runs through May 15th. If you are 65 (as of December 31st of the previous year) or older, or 100% disabled, and meet income guidelines, you may wish to call our office to schedule an appointment to file an application for a tax credit. Re-applicants will be notified by mail to re-file.

**Renter’s Relief Program** begins on April 1st and runs through October 1st. Renters who are 65 (as of December 31st of the previous year) or older, or 100% disabled, and meet income guidelines, are eligible to receive a rebate for rent expenses. If you previously applied to the program, or are a new renter in Thompson, you may wish to call our office to schedule an appointment.

**Totally Disabled Program**: A property tax exemption in the amount of $1,000 is granted to persons who are permanently and totally disabled. Applicants must provide proof of award and file an application by January 31st.

**Blind Exemption**: A property tax exemption in the amount of $3,000 is granted to persons who are blind. Applications must be filed prior to October 1st.

**Veterans** who served 90 days or more during a time of war are eligible to receive a minimum $6,000 exemption. Honorable discharges must be filed with the Town Clerk by October 1st to be eligible for exemption on the following July tax bill.

**Additional Veteran’s Program**: Increased exemptions are available for veterans who meet necessary income requirements. An application along with proof of income must be filed biennially. Filing dates are February 1st through October 1st every year.

**Disabled Veterans**: If you are a disabled Veteran and have had an increase in your disability rating, please provide our office with your new disability rating information from the VA. prior to March 31st in order to receive an increased exemption.

**Active Duty Motor Vehicle Exemption**: Any member of the armed forces (including a member of the reserves or the Connecticut National Guard) currently serving on active duty is eligible for the total exemption of one motor vehicle, pursuant to Section 12-81(53). To qualify for the exemption, the vehicle must be registered in Connecticut. It may be located in Connecticut or outside of the state. Applications must be filed not later than the 31st day of December next following the date on which property tax is due in such assessment year.

**Servicemembers Civil Relief Act Exemption**: A non-Connecticut resident whose vehicle is garaged in this state due to military orders is eligible for an exemption of one motor vehicle. There is no time limit for filing an exemption application under the Service-members Civil Relief Act.

**In-Service Veteran’s Exemption**: Any member of the armed forces (including a member of the reserves or the Connecticut National Guard) currently serving on active duty is eligible to receive the basic Veteran exemption of $6,000.00 against real estate owned by the Veteran, pursuant to Section 12-81. Applications must be filed annually prior to October 1st in order to receive the exemption on the following July tax bill.