

**City of Palmer  
Ordinance No. 22-007**

**Subject:** Amending City of Palmer Municipal Code 3.12.032, Residential Real Property Exemption, To Increase the Assessed Value of a Single Parcel of Residential Real Property Owned and Occupied by the Owner of Record as the Owner's Permanent Place of Residence in the City from Sixty-Eight Thousand Dollars to One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars

**Agenda of:** September 13, 2022

**Council Action:**     ☒ **Adopted**                      ☒ **Amended:** Increased from \$68,000 to \$150,000  
                                 ☐ **Defeated**

**Originator Information:**

**Originator:**     John Moosey, City Manager

**Department Review:**

<b>Route to:</b>	<b>Department Director:</b>	<b>Signature:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
_____	Community Development	_____	_____
_____	Finance	_____	_____
_____	Fire	_____	_____
_____	Police	_____	_____
_____	Public Works	_____	_____

**Certification of Funds:**

Total amount of funds listed in this legislation:     \$ \_\_\_\_\_

This legislation (✓):

<input type="checkbox"/>	Creates revenue in the amount of:	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Creates expenditure in the amount of:	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Creates a saving in the amount of:	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Has no fiscal impact	

Funds are (✓):

<input type="checkbox"/>	Budgeted	Line item(s): _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Not budgeted	_____

Director of Finance Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Approved for Presentation By:**

**Signature:**

**Remarks:**

City Manager	_____	_____
City Attorney	_____	_____
City Clerk	_____	_____

**Attachment(s):**

1. Ordinance No. 22-007

**Summary Statement/Background:**

Alaska community leaders including those in the City of Palmer have traditionally sought ways to encourage senior citizens to remain in the state when they retire rather than moving to the Lower 48 states. Currently the State of Alaska demands a \$150,000 exemption to Residential Real Property to benefits senior citizen and disabled veteran homeowners. This action assists both groups with the financial ability to stay in their homes longer.

The Matanuska-Susitna Borough enacted a change to increase the exemption limit after a citizen vote. The Matanuska Susitna Borough currently adds an additional \$114,000 exemption, for a total of \$264,000. The City of Palmer needs to also consider an increase to the exemption limit. Past reasons for the exemption revolve around cost mitigation including Alaska's high heating costs in the winter and transportation costs.

The Home Rule government system by which the City of Palmer operates permits these changes to occur through the authority of the City Council.

**Administration's Recommendation:**

Adopt Ordinance No. 22-007.

**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY**

Introduced by: John Moosey, City Manager  
Date: 9/13/2022  
Public Hearing: 9/27/2022  
Amended: 9/27/2022  
Action: Adopted  
Vote: Unanimous

Yes:

No:

Mayor Carrington  
Melin  
Anzilotti  
Alcantra  
Ojala  
Tudor  
Best

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WHEREAS, Alaska community leaders including those in the City of Palmer have traditionally sought ways to encourage senior citizens to remain in the state when they retire rather than moving to the Lower 48 states; and

WHEREAS, Currently the State of Alaska demands a \$150,000 exemption to Residential Real Property for senior citizen and disabled veteran homeowners; and

WHEREAS, This action assists both groups with the financial ability to stay in their homes longer; and

WHEREAS, The Matanuska Susitna Borough recently added, via a vote of its' citizens, an additional \$114,000 exemption, for a total of \$264,000; and

WHEREAS, Past reasons for the exemption revolve around cost mitigation including Alaska's high heating costs in the winter and transportation costs; and

WHEREAS, The Home Rule government system by which the City of Palmer operates permits these changes to occur through the authority of the City Council.

THE CITY OF PALMER, ALASKA, ORDAINS:

Section 1. Classification. This ordinance shall be permanent in nature and shall be incorporated into the Palmer Municipal Code.

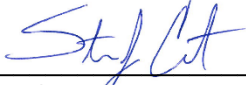
Section 2. Severability. If any provisions of this ordinance or application thereof to any person or circumstances are held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance and the application to the other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.


Section 3. Palmer Municipal Code Section 3.12.032 is hereby amended to read as follows (new language is underlined and deleted language is stricken):

~~Sixty-eight One Hundred Twenty-Five~~ One Hundred Fifty thousand dollars of assessed value of a single parcel of residential real property owned and occupied by the owner of record as the owner's permanent place of residence in the city shall be exempt from the city tax levy on real property within the city.

Section 4. Effective Date. Ordinance No. 22-007 shall take effect upon adoption by the city of Palmer City Council.

**Passed and approved** this 27<sup>th</sup> day of September 2022.

  
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Steve Carrington, Mayor

  
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Shelly Acteson, CMC, City Clerk