

**City of Palmer  
Ordinance No. 23-004-A**

**Subject:** Providing for the Submission to the Qualified Voters of the City of Palmer at the General Election on October 3, 2023, the Question of Confirming Action Taken by the Palmer City Council, by the Adoption of Ordinance No. 22-007, Which Amended PMC 3.12.032, by Increasing the Amount of the Residential Real Property Exemption for Seniors and Disabled Veterans to \$150,000, Resulting in a Total City of Palmer Exemption of \$300,000

**Agenda of:** July 11, 2023

**Council Action:**    ☒ **Adopted**                      ☐ **Amended:** \_\_\_\_\_  
                                 ☐ **Defeated**

**Originator Information:**

**Originator:**    Mayor through the City Clerk

**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: \_\_\_\_\_ *[Signature]*

**Approved for Presentation By:**

	<b>Signature:</b>	<b>Remarks:</b>
City Manager	_____ <i>[Signature]</i>	_____
City Attorney	_____	_____
City Clerk	_____	_____

**Attachment(s):**

1. Ordinance No. 23-004

**Summary Statement/Background:**

On September 27, 2022, the Palmer City Council adopted Ordinance No. 22-007, which amended the PMC 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.

Last year the Borough put on the ballot question to increase the optional exemption to \$114,000 and index an increase annually according to a federal housing cost index. That ballot question passed, resulting in a total Borough exemption of \$264,000.

On June 20, 2023, the Mat-Su Borough submitted a letter to the City Manager requesting that the City of Palmer place confirmation of Ordinance 22-007 before the voters to ratify the action taken by the Council.

**Administration's Recommendation:**

Adopt Ordinance No. 23-004-A.

**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY**

Introduced by: Mayor through the City Clerk  
Date: 7/11/2023  
Public Hearing: 7/25/2023  
Action: Adopted  
Vote: Unanimous

Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

Melin  
Best  
Mayor Carrington  
Tudor  
Alcantra  
Anzilotti  
Ojala IV

CITY OF PALMER, ALASKA

**Ordinance No. 23-004-A**

**An Ordinance of the Palmer City Council Providing for the Submission to the Qualified Voters of the City of Palmer at the General Election on October 3, 2023, the Question of Confirming Action Taken by Palmer City Council, by the Adoption of Ordinance No. 22-007, Which Amended PMC 3.12.032, Residential Real Property Exemption, by Increasing the Amount of the Residential Real Property Exemption for Seniors and Disabled Veterans to \$150,000**

WHEREAS, on September 27, 2022, the Palmer City Council adopted Ordinance No. 22-007, which amended the PMC 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; and

WHEREAS, if this ballot question passes, it will result in a total senior and disabled veterans exemption of \$300,000; and

WHEREAS, last year the Mat-Su Borough put on the ballot to increase the optional exemption to \$114,000 and index an increase annually according to a federal housing cost index. That ballot question passed, resulting in a total senior and disabled veteran exemption of \$264,000; and

WHEREAS, on June 20, 2023, the Mat-Su Borough submitted a letter to the City requesting that the City of Palmer place Ordinance No. 22-007 before the voters for ratification.

THE CITY OF PALMER, ALASKA, ORDAINS:

Section 1. At the City of Palmer election to be held on October 3, 2023, the following proposition shall be submitted to the qualified City of Palmer voters in substantially the following form:

**PROPOSITION NO. 2**

**Confirming the Action Taken by the Palmer City Council,  
Adopting Ordinance No. 22-007, which Amended the  
Palmer Municipal Code, 3.12.032,  
Residential Real Property Exemption,  
By Increasing the Amount of the Residential Real Property Exemption  
for Seniors and Disabled Veterans from \$68,000 to \$150,000**

Palmer Municipal Code Section 3.12.032, Residential real property exemption, is hereby amended to read as follows (new language is underlined and deleted language is stricken):

One Hundred Fifty Sixty Eight 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.


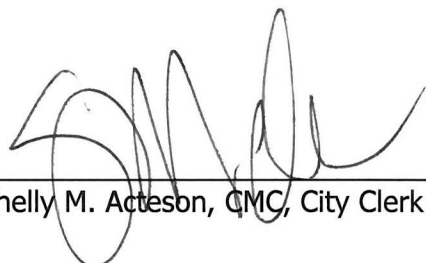
This exemption applies to real property owned and occupied by a resident who is:

1. 65 years of age or older;
2. A disabled veteran, including a person who was disabled in the line of duty while serving in the Alaska Territorial Guard; or
3. At least 60 years old and a widow or widower of a person who qualified for an exemption under this subsection.

Proposition No. 2      Yes ( )    (A yes vote adds the language).  
                                     No ( )    (A no vote does not add the language).

Section 2. Section 1 of this Ordinance shall become effective only if the proposition described is approved by a majority of the qualified voters voting on the proposition at the regular election on October 3, 2023.

**Passed and approved** this 25<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023.

  
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Steve Carrington, Mayor  
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Shelly M. Acteson, CMC, City Clerk