

VETERANS APPLICATION PROCESSING:

VETERANS EXEMPTION

To qualify for this exemption this office must have documentation from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or its successor agency stating **100% Service-Oriented, Permanent and Totally Disabled.**

Veteran should bring with them:

1. **Approved letter of disability(original-no copies) issued by the U.S. (Federal) Department of Veteran Affairs that is requested by qualifying veterans**
2. **Photo Identification**
3. **Proof of residence occupancy, such as a utility bill**

****Veteran's real estate records will be reviewed to determine that they are the owners or joint owners of the property.**

Surviving Spouse should bring with them:

1. **Death certificate to confirm date is subsequent to December 31, 2010.**
2. **A certified certificate of marriage from the appropriate State Office of Records**
3. **Proof of residence occupancy, such as a utility bill**

This is a Commonwealth imposed law. The qualification process limits the locality's ability to review or impose oversight regulations beyond those specified. We have been instructed by the Virginia Department of Veteran's Services that only one letter will be issued by the VA to the veterans for use in obtaining the local real estate tax exemption. Therefore, the VA letter addressing 100% should only be for those veterans who have met the Virginia 100% service-connected disability qualification; and the localities will have to rely on the fact that the VA's letter will meet the Commonwealth's requirements. It is my understanding that this letter will be issued only to the Veterans that request a letter to be issued to them from the Federal Department of Veterans Affairs. This letter must state that the veteran is 100% Service Related Disabled. This will be done starting in March of 2011. Without the VA's letter NO exemption will be granted due to the regulations of the Commonwealth of VA.

Once the law is signed by the Governor, Pulaski County will have to pass an ordinance granting me the approval to approve the exemptions. This will be for the 2011 forward real estate taxes only.