

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND REORDAINING  
ARTICLE III OF CHAPTER 25 AND ARTICLE IV OF CHAPTER 30  
OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, 1990, AS AMENDED  
RELATING TO RENTAL RELIEF AND REAL ESTATE TAX RELIEF  
FOR THE ELDERLY AND DISABLED PERSONS.**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Charlottesville finds and determines that it would be in the best interests of the public, and within the authority conferred upon the City by §63.1-106 and §§ 58.1-3210 through 58.1-3218 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, to amend the City Code to increase the eligibility thresholds for the City's rent and tax relief programs for the elderly and disabled;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, that:

*1. Chapter 25, Article III, and Chapter 30, Article IV, of the Code of the City of Charlottesville, 1990, as amended, are and shall be amended and reordained as follows:*

**CHAPTER 25  
ARTICLE III. RENTAL RELIEF FOR THE ELDERLY AND DISABLED PERSONS.**

**Sec. 25-58. Qualifications for grant.**

Grants pursuant to this article shall be made to persons complying with the following provisions:

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- (4) The gross combined income during the grant year from all sources of such applicant and all relatives of the applicant living in such dwelling does not exceed the sum of ~~twenty-two~~ twenty-five thousand dollars (~~\$22,000.00~~ \$25,000.00)

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**Sec. 25-61. Calculation of amount of grant.**

(a) For qualifying applicants, the amount of the grant shall be twenty-five (25) percent of the amount determined by subtracting twenty-four (24) percent of gross combined income, as defined by section 25-58(4), from the lesser of:

- (1) The actual amount of rent paid; or
- (2) ~~Five Six~~ Five thousand ~~two hundred eighty~~ two hundred dollars (~~\$5,280.00~~ \$6,000.00).

(b) If the applicant was a resident of the city for less than the full grant year, the actual rent paid or maximum rent allowable shall be prorated for the period of actual residency.

**CHAPTER 30  
ARTICLE IV. REAL ESTATE TAX RELIEF FOR THE ELDERLY AND DISABLED PERSONS**

**Sec. 30-98. Qualifications for exemption or deferral.**

Exemption or deferral pursuant to this article shall be granted to persons and for property complying with the following provisions:

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- (5) The gross combined income from all sources of such claimant owner or owners of such dwelling living

therein, and of their relatives living in such dwelling, for the immediately preceding calendar year does not exceed the sum of ~~twenty-two~~ twenty-five thousand dollars (\$~~22,000.00~~ \$25,000.00) in the case of exemption claimants, or ~~twenty-five~~ twenty-seven thousand dollars (\$~~25,000~~ \$27,000.00) in the case of deferral claimants; provided that:

(a) the first seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500.00) of any income, (a) (i) received by any claimant owner and classified as permanent disability compensation ; or (b) (ii) received by any claimant who is at least sixty-five (65) years of age, is permanently and totally disabled, and can show that he or she did receive permanent disability compensation for at least twenty-four (24) consecutive months immediately prior to his or her sixty-fifth birthday, shall not be included in such total; and provided, that


(b) the first four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00) of income of each relative other than spouse of such claimant owner or owners who is living in such dwelling shall not be included in such total; and provided further, that

(c) if a person who has previously qualified for an exemption or deferral under this article can prove by clear and convincing evidence that after so qualifying the person's physical or mental health has deteriorated to the point that the only alternative to permanently residing in a hospital, nursing home, convalescent home or other facility for physical or mental care is to have a relative move in and provide care for the person, and if a relative does move in for that purpose, then none of that relative's income shall be counted towards the income limit- ; and

(d) the amount of income received by any claimant owner from the Veteran's Administration and classified as disability benefits, up to but not exceeding seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500.00) shall not be included in such total.

2. *This ordinance shall become effective January 1, 2002.*

Approved by Council  
June 4, 2001

  
Clerk of City Council