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**IN CITY COUNCIL
ORDINANCE #17-21/22**

THE COUNCIL of the City of South Portland hereby ordains that Chapter 10, "Health, Welfare and Sanitation Generally," of the "Code of Ordinances of the City of South Portland, Maine," be and hereby is amended as follows (deletions are ~~struck through~~; additions are underlined):

ARTICLE VIII. PROPERTY TAX ASSISTANCE ORDINANCE

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Sec. 10-1203. Criteria for Participation

In order to participate in the Property Tax Assistance Program, an applicant shall demonstrate all of the following:

- a. The applicant is ~~65~~58 years of age or older at the time of application.
- b. The applicant has owned or rented a homestead in the City of South Portland at the time of the application and for the entire two years prior to the date of application.
- c. The applicant has qualified to receive a tax credit under the provisions of the State of Maine Residents Property Tax Fairness Credit Program.
- d. The applicant has been a resident of the City of South Portland for at least ~~ten~~seven out of the last ~~12~~ten years immediately preceding the date of application for participation in the Program.
- e. If the applicant owns the homestead, the applicant shall have applied for a homestead property tax exemption pursuant to the Maine Resident Homestead Property Tax Exemption program.

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Sec. 10-1205. Determination of Eligibility and Amount of Eligibility

If the Finance Director determines that the applicant is eligible to participate in the Program, he/she shall determine the total amount of such eligibility.

Eligibility shall be the lesser of the following amounts:

- a. The amount of credit qualified for under the Property Tax Fairness Credit program.
- b. A pro rata share of available monies in the Program Fund based on the amount of one's State Property Tax Fairness Credit; or
- c. \$4500.00.

The Finance Director shall report to the City Council in May of each year the projected payments and number of eligible applicants requesting assistance from the Program Fund.

Fiscal Note: Less than \$1,000

March 15, 2022

