



Application for Ocean Rescue Squad Members Exemption in the Town of Southampton

File this form with the Town of Southampton Assessor by the taxable status date. See instructions.

Do **not** file this form with the Office of Real Property Tax Services.

Names of owners					
Mailing address of owners (<i>number and street or PO Box</i>)			Location of property (<i>street address</i>)		
City, village, or post office	State	ZIP code	City, town, or village	State	ZIP code
Phone number			School district		
Email address			Tax map number of section/block/lot: Property identification (<i>see tax bill or assessment roll</i>)		

Mark an **X** in the appropriate box.

- 1 Is the property located in the Town of Southampton? Yes ☐ No ☐
- 2 Is the property your primary residence? Yes ☐ No ☐
- 3 Name of the ocean rescue squad that you serve: _____
- 4 Do you reside in the city, town, or village served by this organization? Yes ☐ No ☐
- 5 Have you been an enrolled member of this organization for at least five years? Yes ☐ No ☐
If No, specify the number of years you have been enrolled as a member: _____
- 6 Are you an unmarried spouse of a deceased enrolled member who served for at least five years and who was killed in the same line of duty? Yes ☐ No ☐
- 7 Are you an unmarried spouse of a member who is deceased and served for at least 20 years? Yes ☐ No ☐
- 8 Have you accrued at least 20 years of active service in this ocean rescue squad? Yes ☐ No ☐
- 9 Is any portion of the property used for purposes other than residential, such as farming, commercial, vacant land, or a professional office? Yes ☐ No ☐
If No, skip to *Certification*.
- 10 What percentage of the property is **not** used for residential purposes? _____
- 11 Explain such use and describe the portion that is so used. _____

Certification

I (we), _____, hereby certify that the information on this application and any accompanying pages constitutes a true statement of facts.

Signature (All owners must sign this application)	Phone number	Date

For Assessor's Use Only

Date application filed: _____

Action on application: Approved ☐ Denied ☐

Reason for denial (if applicable) : _____

Exemption applies to taxes levied by or for:

County _____ ☐ City _____ ☐ Town _____ ☐

Village _____ ☐ School _____ ☐ Fire _____ ☐

Assessor's name (print)	
Assessor's signature	Date

Instructions

Authorization for exemption

Real Property Tax Law, § 466-m authorizes the governing body of a county, city, town, village, school district, or fire district, to partially exempt up to 10% of the assessed value of the primary residence of an enrolled member of an ocean rescue squad, who resides in the Town of Southampton. The exemption does not apply to special assessments.

An eligible city, village, town, school district, fire district, or county may enact, after a public hearing, a local law, or a resolution in the case of a school district, to adopt the ocean rescue squad exemption. Consult the Town of Southampton Assessor to determine if the exemption is available locally.

Eligibility

The exemption is available only to members of an ocean rescue squad that has been deemed an emergency rescue squad or first aid squad by the municipality, and who have been certified as being enrolled members for a minimum of two to five years, depending on the policy. The municipality determines the procedure for certification.

At local option of the city, town, village, school district, fire district, or county, an enrolled member who has accrued more than 20 years of active service may be granted the exemption for the remainder of their life, as long as the member's primary residence is located within such municipality.

At local option, the exemption may be continued or reinstated for the unmarried spouse of an enrolled member killed in the line of duty who had been a member of the ocean rescue squad for at least five years and was receiving the exemption prior to their death.

At local option, the exemption may be continued or reinstated for the unmarried spouse of an enrolled member who accrued at least 20 years of active service and was receiving the exemption prior to their death.

The exemption is only available for the applicant's primary residence and only to property (or the portion thereof) exclusively used for residential purposes.

Deadline

If one or more of your localities have opted to offer this exemption, you must file the application with the Town of Southampton Assessor's office on or before the appropriate taxable status date, which is generally March 1. Consult with your assessor to confirm the deadline for your municipality.

Once the exemption is granted, the exemption may continue for the authorized period provided that the eligibility requirements continue to be satisfied. It is not necessary to reapply after the initial year for the exemption for it to continue.

For further information, contact the Town of Southampton Assessor.