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Senior Citizens Emery Go Round Property Based Improvement District (PBID) Rebate

On February 2, 2016, the Emeryville City Council adopted Resolution No. 16-08 to establish a Property Based Improvement District (PBID) Senior Rebate Program. If you are 65 or older, own your home and pay an assessment on your property for the Emery Go Round PBID, you may apply for a Senior Rebate.

HOW DO I APPLY AND RECEIVE A REBATE?

WHERE CAN I GET AN APPLICATION?

The application is available through the City of Emeryville Senior PBID Rebate Program:

1. On the City's website: www.emeryville.org
2. By emailing: city_clerk@emeryville.org
3. By calling: **510-450-7800**

Applications are mailed out to those who have filed in past years by the end of March each year.

WHEN CAN I APPLY?

To expedite receiving your rebate, please submit the application by May 1. Each fiscal year (July-June) the City will send an application to prior applicants at the end of March.

New applicants can also submit their applications according to the timeline shown above.

HOW WILL I GET THE REBATE?

Eligible seniors will receive their rebate by a check mailed from the City of Emeryville.

ELIGIBILITY FOR THE SENIOR PBID REBATE

To be eligible for the Senior PBID Rebate:

- You or your spouse or registered domestic partner must be 65 years of age or older by December 31 of the year prior to your application.
- The rebate applies to your primary residence. You or your spouse or registered domestic partner must own your primary residence and be responsible for paying the PBID assessment on it.
- You and your spouse or registered domestic partner must claim this residence as your primary residence.

What is a primary residence?

A primary residence is a residence in Emeryville in which you reside at least a total of six months during each fiscal year (July-June).

I am under age 65 and own my residence, but my spouse is over age 65. Do we qualify?

Either you or your spouse or registered domestic partner must be at least age 65 years of age or older by December 31 of the year prior to your application in order to qualify. If you are under age 65 and you own your home, but your spouse or registered domestic partner is over age 65 and lives with you, you will jointly qualify for the Senior PBID Rebate.

I own a multi-family residence, reside in one of the units and rent the other units out. Will I be eligible for the rebate?

Yes. As long as you meet all the requirements of the program, you can apply for the rebate on the proportion of PBID assessment that is applicable to your primary residence.

I am over the age of 65 and own two properties. Can I receive the rebate on both?

No. You and your spouse or registered domestic partner can only receive one rebate per year for your primary residence. Secondary residences such as rental properties or vacation homes are not eligible for the rebate.

I am a senior who rents an apartment. Do I qualify?

No. The rebate is available to seniors who own their homes and directly pay the PBID assessment.

CHANGES IN OWNERSHIP / RESIDENCE

I am moving to a new residence; how do I get the rebate?

Your move will determine if you qualify for a rebate at your new residence. You are eligible to apply for a rebate if you own and live in the residence on the property assessment due date. The following is a general guideline:

- If you take possession of your new residence **before** the PBID property assessment due date, you are eligible to apply for the rebate on your new residence. In this situation the prior owner would not be eligible.
- If you take possession of the residence **after** the PBID property assessment due date, you may not apply for the rebate on that property for that year, but you may apply for your old residence if you owned and lived at the property as of the PBID property assessment due date.

OTHER QUESTIONS

Does my PBID assessment have to be paid before I submit my application to receive the rebate?

Yes. Your PBID assessment must be paid prior to submitting your application for the rebate. Rebates will not be processed until after the PBID assessment due date.

My property taxes are currently in arrears. Can I submit an application to receive the rebate?

No. An application for the rebate will not be processed until such time as the property taxes are no longer in arrears.