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Disabled Veterans Property Tax Exemption

Under State of Michigan law, disabled veterans may receive an exemption from real property taxes for homestead property they own. The disabled veteran must have been discharged from the United States armed forces under honorable conditions. Eligible persons must meet one of the following criteria:

- Determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to be permanently and totally disabled as a result of military service and entitled to veterans' benefits at the 100 percent rate.
- Rated by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs as individually unemployable.
- Have a certificate from the United States Veterans Administration (or its successors) certifying that the veteran has received pecuniary assistance due to disability for specially adapted housing.
- Is the unremarried surviving spouse of a disabled veteran who was deemed disabled by one of the above criteria.

It is required to file a completed *State Tax Commission Affidavit for Disabled Veterans Exemption* (Form 5107 – published 11/24) with the Township Assessing Department along with a VA determination letter supporting level of disability. Recent changes allow the Assessor, rather than the Board of Review, to grant the exemption. A courtesy letter of approval will be provided by Meridian Township.

Starting in 2025, the State of Michigan revised the law such that once approved, the exemption stands. Annual filing is no longer required, however, if a change in status were to occur, kindly notify the Assessing Office to update filings. Periodically, the Assessing Department will perform an audit to maintain exempt status.

Note: The exemption is for homestead real property taxes only. Any liens or special assessments are the obligation of the property owner.