

## Re: KTOO - Property Assessment affecting seniors with fixed income?

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Date: Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at 12:22 PM AKDT

Kathleen,

Thank you this is really helpful! I'd love to hear more about these ideas when the assembly is talking about the mill rate in the coming weeks.



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**Subject:** Re: KTOO - Property Assessment affecting seniors with fixed income?

Yvonne, I don't know if your article is addressing solutions, but here are a couple of possibilities to consider.

A possible way for the city to address the affect the property tax increase will have on all seniors is to freeze the current tax rate for anyone over 65 or 70. That is done in some localities. Nearly all seniors in that age bracket are not working and therefore are on fixed incomes. Qualification would be if the resident holds a CBJ Senior Citizen sales tax exemption card.

As an alternative, a subset of seniors in Juneau, those who already qualify for the Senior Citizen Hardship Sales Tax Rebate (see insert), would not see their taxes increase.

Either alternative should be easy to implement if the desire was there by the Assembly. Thank you very much for writing this article.



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**Re: CBJ Senior Citizen Hardship Sales Tax Rebate**

Our records indicate that you have been issued a CBJ Senior Citizen sales tax exemption card. As a result, you may also qualify for the Senior Citizen Hardship Sales Tax Rebate, depending on your gross income level.

**2023 Rebate Information**

2023 rebates are based on your 2022 reported gross income	Individual Applicant	Married Applicants
2022 Gross Income Limit	\$45,525	\$61,600
2023 Rebate Amount	\$325	\$650

Please visit [www.juneau.org](http://www.juneau.org) for the Hardship Rebate Application or call the Sales Tax Office for more information. **Applications must be received by June 30, 2023.** If your application qualifies, you can expect the rebate to be issued no later than September 30, 2023.

**Kathleen Samalon**

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On Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at 01:27:54 PM AKST, Emily Kane <dremilykane@gmail.com> wrote:

Yvonne

Thanks so much for reaching out to me

I do know many people in this possible position (all my Meals on Wheels clients for starters)

I think it is premature to know what property taxes will be until the Assembly sets the mill rate. Assembly members are well aware that people can't be priced out of their homes!

Please do keep an eye on this story, and other local news that is relevant to seniors in particular.

In May the JCOA and local AARP CAT (community action team) are joining forces to create a series of "listening sessions" about what people want to make Juneau a better place to age in place. There has been a lot of migration to Bend, Tucson, Palm Springs etc especially of our Tier One seniors. Over time this will be not-good very-bad for the Juneau economy. Luckily smart people are aware, and making long term plans -- though those come along slowly and the balance between capitalism and "what's right" is tricky.

Best wishes

Emily Kane

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On Wed, Mar 8, 2023 at 12:00 PM Yvonne Krumrey <[yvonne.krumrey@ktoo.org](mailto:yvonne.krumrey@ktoo.org)> wrote:

Dr. Kane,

I’m working on a story about the property assessment that was released this week, and our newsroom was wondering how this could impact people who live on fixed incomes and therefore may have a harder time meeting the raises in property taxes that could happen.

Is there anyone you know who is in this position?



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