

City Council

I am writing a letter to assist local Elder- Mary “Irene” Iyatunguk in reference to her Property Taxes. Irene is a former Nome Public Schools cook (22 years), whom is on a monthly fixed income of Social Security, once a month, Irene is 80 years old. I have assisted Irene over the years in filling out the Elder Tax Exempt forms to the City of Nome.

Irene received a call about her name going to be in the Nome Nugget and didn’t understand what this meant. I reached out to the city clerk and have learned that the property tax exemption for elders, is not in fact tax exempt, it is exempt up to \$150,000 of the value. Through this process, I have also learned that Irene owes a \$5366.68 for 2021-2022 property taxes. In total property taxes for the years 2021-2024 \$8,218.39. Irene’s property is in the process of City of Nome foreclosure.

As a retired elder on a fixed income receiving funds once a month. Irene’s income goes to heating fuel \$500-\$600/month, utilities \$200-\$300/month, groceries \$250/month and \$25 phone bill/month. While I now understand that elder tax exemptions is up to a certain value, I am reaching out in hopes of the late fees, penalties and interest be forgiven.

Thank you,

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