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Summary of Changes to 12.5 Tax Relief Program Policy

The Clerk/Auditor's Office recommends updates to the Tax Relief Program policy, effective January 1, 2024. These changes are a result of hearing decisions from the Utah State Tax Commission (USTC) and changes to Utah State Code.

Section 2.2 Program Qualifications (Veteran with a Disability Exemption)

Veterans with a 100% service-connected disability can receive program pre-approval for a home under contract. This update clarifies who qualifies for that pre-approval.

Section 5.2 Program Qualifications – Hardship / Indigent Tax Abatement

<u>Subsection (i)</u> used to allow us to disregard the income of someone living in the home as a renter. A State Tax Commission decision clarified that renters are still considered "members of the household" for household income purposes. This update removes the exception for renters.

Section 6.2 Program Qualifications – Circuit Breaker Program

Subsection (i) in this section is the same change as explained for Section 5.2.

Various Sections – Where necessary, we have updated the state code references throughout due to a renumbering of some code sections. These changes are for reference only and are not substantive. We have also added some clarifying language where appropriate.

All the best,

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