**Apply Now to Start Property Tax Reduction**

Extra high property taxes are threatening the Westside. Taxes are due to go up again this year. If you want to *lower* your home property taxes, fill out this Application and submit it to Westside Housing, your nonprofit housing provider. Mail or deliver to: 919 W. 24th St., Kansas City, MO 64108. Or scan and email to: jhood@westsidehousing.org. This will save you money on your taxes! Call Westside Housing for questions or if you need the Application in Spanish, 816-421-8048, x4, or 816-381-6170.

**Who Operates this Program?**

Westside Housing, a private nonprofit, has been dedicated to serving the Westside neighborhood for over four decades. Carmen Lopez Murguia, its director and a lifelong Westside resident, is deeply committed to safeguarding the well-being of all neighborhood families. City Hall oversees Westside Housing to insure the program works properly.

**Who Can Apply?**

Westside homeowners of *any income* may apply*.*

**Who Likes this Program?**

Over 60% all Westside homeowners are already enrolled and happy with their reduced taxes. It’s endorsed by the the Kansas City City Council, *The Kansas City Star* newspaper, and respected residents: John Fierro, Jorge Coromac, Beto Lopez, Kathy Kirby, Barb Bailey, Arthur Ruiz, Bill Dyke, Richard Hernandez, Virginia Salazar, Alice Gomez, and Esmeralda Ortiz.

**What’s Next?**

After you submit this Application, a staff specialist will ask you to submit additional information so the amount of your tax reduction can be determined.

**Program Description**

The Westside Property Tax Relief Program requires you to own and occupy your home on or before September 29, 2022. You can get home property tax reduction for 7 to 23 years. Approved by the City Council September 29, 2022, the Program uses the State Law Chapter 353 tax reduction statute.

Existing owner-occupants with incomes below $88,748 would pay, instead of a property tax, a “neighborhood support fee” and base “land tax”, together equal to 2.65% of their household adjusted gross income (the Jackson County average), adjusted every two years, for 22 years. (Those with higher incomes would pay 60-90% of what they would otherwise pay each year, for seven years, depending on income.) With the exception of the land tax, the payments would all go into a fund, managed by Westside Housing, to pay the costs of the Program and create an emergency assistance tax relief fund for the lowest income homeowners.

**Other Programs**

Jackson County operates a separate, homeowner tax freeze program for homeowners over age 61. This program keeps your taxes at the current level, as opposed to the Westside Property Tax Relief Program which substantially *reduces* your property taxes. You *can’t* be in both programs at the same time.

The Missouri Department of Revenue operates another, separate “circuit breaker” program for homeowners over age 64 or disabled, and income under $34,000. The State will reimburse you for $10 to $1,100 of your property tax, depending upon your income. You *can* be in this program and the Westside Property Tax Relief Program at the same time.

**Westside Property Tax Relief**

**Program Application**

The normal application fee is waived (it’s free).
Only owner-occupied, residential homes which are single-family, condo or duplex qualify for this program.

LEGIBLY PRINT THE APPLICATION

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| Full Name:  | Co-applicant Name:  |
| Street Address, City & Zip:  |  Do you want a more detailed program description? Yes No  |
| Last 4 digits of Social Security Number or ITIN: | Phone:  | Co-applicant Phone:  |
| Email:  | Are you in the County quad tax program? Yes No  |
| What is your preferred method of contact? Email Mail Phone  |  Prefer Spanish: Yes No  |
| Have you owned and lived in your home since before Sept. 29, 2022? Yes No (Not eligible if bought or lived in after then) | If you’re not the owner, state owner’s name and address:  |
| If you are not the owner, are you related by family to the owner? Yes No | If you are related by family to the owner, state how: |
| This is a: Single-family house Condo Duplex | Number of adults in the household over age 18:  |
| Marital status: Married Divorced  Single Separated  | If married or married and separated, state full name and address of spouse:  | Do you have home *title* insurance? Yes No Don’t know  |
| Do you make payments on a home equity loan or home purchase loan? Yes No | Loan Number(s):  | Name of lender(s):  |
| Do you have any outstanding City property maintenance code citations? |  Yes No | If Yes, describe: |
| Have you done any exterior home improvements in the past 12 months? |  Yes No | If Yes, describe: |
| You are required to have completed within the past 12 months or to complete in the next three years, outside home improvements valued at $1,000 or more. If you haven’t already made $1,000 of improvements in the past 12 months, *what should the new improvements be?* (For example: roof, painting, gutters, landscaping, porch repair, windows) | Answer: |
| Your proposed work completion date: |
| Signature: | Date: |

*Westside Housing Organization is an equal-opportunity nonprofit §501(c)(3) community organization and does not discriminate against any individual based on race, color, creed, national origin, sex, ancestry, age, marital status, or disability.*

*All personal information will be kept confidential.*

*Return completed Application to:*

*Westside Housing, 919 West 24th Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64108*