



FACT SHEET

Saratoga County Property Tax Exemption for 100% Disabled Veterans, Local Law 5 of 2026

What is Saratoga County Local Law 5 of 2026?

Saratoga County Local Law 5 of 2026 provides a property tax exemption to certain veterans in accordance with New York State Real Property Law Section 458-a (11).

What are the qualifications?

The applicant must:

1. Be a qualified owner as defined in Section 458-a of the NYS Real Property Tax Law; AND
2. Be an eligible wartime veteran* who has:
 - A 100% Permanent & Total Disability Compensation rating from the VA; OR
 - A Total Disability due to Unemployability (TDIU) designation from the VA AND a Permanent and Total designation.

** An Expeditionary Medal may qualify.*

Is there a specific form for this exemption?

There is no "specific form" for this exemption. It is part of Section 458-a of the Real Property Tax Law, and thus the same forms that are used now for the Alternative Veterans Property Tax Exemption, RP 458-a or RP 458-a-Dis, will still be used here.

I've already filed an RP 458-a or RP 458-a-Dis with my local assessor for another veteran's exemption, do I need to resubmit this form?

Even if you've previously submitted an RP 458-a or RP 458-a-Dis, we encourage you to contact your local assessor's office to ensure the required documentation is on file. Assessors may request veterans re-apply with updated information.

Will my existing veteran property tax exemptions be affected?

No. Your existing veterans' property tax exemptions stay exactly as they are and any benefits you already receive will remain in place, so long as you remain eligible.

Is this a full property tax exemption?

No. This local law addresses only the Saratoga County portion of the tax bill, providing a full exemption on property taxes levied by Saratoga County. This local law doesn't affect property taxes levied by other taxing jurisdictions, such as local municipalities or school districts.

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How is the County able to provide this exemption?

New York State passed legislation as part of its 2026 budget amending Real Property Tax Law, Section 458-a(11) and establishing a real property tax exemption for veterans who have a 100% Permanent & Total service-connected disability. The provision allows for local taxing entities to adopt a local law or resolution to provide a property tax exemption for primary residences of qualifying disabled veterans. A taxing jurisdiction, such as a county, city, town, village, special district, or school district **must separately elect to offer the full exemption** on property taxes they levy as a taxing jurisdiction.

Why did Saratoga County pass a local law to provide this property tax exemption to 100% disabled veterans?

The Saratoga County Board of Supervisors enacted this local law, soon after the State legislation made it possible to do so, to show its ongoing appreciation to our veterans, to help support military families in the County, and to encourage veterans to make Saratoga County their home.

How much will my property taxes be reduced?

Qualifying veterans will see a reduction of the entire amount of the Saratoga County levied portion of your property tax bill.

Can I apply this exemption to my main home and my camp/vacation home?

No. This exemption applies to your primary residence only.

How do I get documentation of my status from the VA?

You can contact the VA at 1-800-827-1000 or visit their website at www.va.gov. If you need assistance accessing VA benefits, please contact the Saratoga County Veterans Service Agency at 518-884-4115.

When will this take effect?

The county property tax exemption for qualified veterans will be applied to your **2028** taxes. The State Law says the exemption takes effect on or after October 1, 2026.

Why will it take effect on my 2028 taxes?

The State law allows for the exemption to apply to assessment rolls based on taxable status dates occurring on or after October 1, 2026. March 1, 2027 is the taxable status date for all municipalities in Saratoga County. Applications received by then will impact 2028 Town & County tax bills.

Where can I get more information?

Contact your local assessor's office. For help accessing VA benefits, contact the Saratoga County Veterans Services Agency at 518-884-4115.

****Disclaimer**** *This information was verified as of September 2026, based on current state law. All exemptions are subject to change by New York State. Always confirm the most current requirements with your local assessor's office.*