



City of St. Albert
CITY COUNCIL POLICY

Senior Homeowners Property Tax
Assistance Grant

AUTHORITY:	APPROVED	Res. No.	mm dd	REVISED	Res. No.	mm dd
City Council		C118-2009	02 23			
		C133-2014	03 17			

Purpose

To reduce the impact of increases in municipal property taxation for eligible senior homeowners by establishing a framework for a fixed grant to eligible households.

Policy

The City shall provide a Senior Homeowners Property Tax Assistance Grant to eligible households.

Standards

1. The City shall undertake the primary role in the administration and delivery of the program, and the Government of Alberta's role shall be limited to the provision of required *Alberta Senior's Benefit* information.
2. Specific program eligibility shall be determined by Council, and is to be based on the qualifications outlined by the Government of Alberta's *Alberta Seniors Benefit* program.
3. The City shall receive from the Government of Alberta by May 15 of each year, a list of St. Albert households, who are currently receiving the *Alberta Senior's Benefit*. This list forms the basis of eligibility for the Senior Homeowner Property Tax Assistance Grant for the tax year.
4. The City shall provide a flat grant amount to each eligible household, in the form of a tax credit applied to the property tax account pertaining to the eligible household's primary St. Albert residence. The grant amount is limited to one per household per tax year.
5. The amount of the grant and funding for the City's grant will be established annually through the Municipal Operating Budget.
6. Administration shall report to Council annually, providing details on the number of grants issued and total program expenditure.

Legal Reference: *Municipal Government Act*

Cross References: *Government of Alberta's Alberta Seniors' Benefit, Policy C-FS-05, Budget Guiding Principles*

