



SENIOR CITIZEN/DISABLED VETERAN  
PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION APPLICATION  
AS 29.45.030 (e)-(i)



1. Name of Municipality: VALDEZ

2. Property Tax I.D.: 70590010060

3. Tax Year: 2021

4. Name of Applicant: ANDREW SHIDNER

5. Birth date: 01/27/1955

6. Social Security #

7. Name of Spouse: CYNTHIA SHIDNER

8. Birth date: 06/09/1969

9. Social Security #

10. Mailing Address: PO BOX 2295  
VALDEZ, AK 99686

11. Residential Physical Address: 443 RESURRECTION LOOP  
VALDEZ, AK 99686

12. Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Message Phone: 907-554-2124

13. Please check one of the following  
 I am applying as a Senior Citizen age 65 or older  
 I am applying as a widow or widower, age 60-64, of a previously qualified applicant.  
 I am applying as a Disabled Veteran

14. Type of Dwelling:  
 single family     condominium  
 mobile home     duplex  
 other \_\_\_\_\_

15. Is this your permanent place of abode?  
 Yes     No    If no, permanent residential address is: \_\_\_\_\_

16. Is your home on land you own?  
 Yes     No    If yes, % of ownership: 100%  
 If no, owner's name: \_\_\_\_\_

17. Is any portion of this property used for commercial or rental purposes?  
 Yes     No    If yes, percentage: 10 %

18. As provided for under AS 29.45.030(e), a municipality may, in a case of hardship, provide for an exemption beyond the first \$150,000 of assessed value. A hardship application may be obtained from your municipal assessing office.

19. Certification: I hereby certify that the answers given on this application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that a willful misstatement is punishable by a fine or imprisonment under AS 11.56.210.  
 Date: 1/22/21    Signature of Applicant: [Signature]

Following is for Local Assessor/Clerk Use Only

Received  
JAN 25 2021

City of Valdez

\_\_\_ New Filing    \_\_\_ Prior Filing    \_\_\_ Approved    \_\_\_ Denied

Proof Provided:    \_\_\_ Age    \_\_\_ Disability (DAV)  
 \_\_\_ Ownership    Verified By: \_\_\_\_\_

Parcel Number and/or Legal Description: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Property Value	Land	Building	Total
Secondary lots	_____	_____	_____
Adjustments:			
Ownership	% _____		
Commercial/Rental	% _____		
		Total Property Value:	\$ _____
		Subtotal:	\$ _____
		If Subtotal exceeds \$150,000, use this figure:	\$ 150,000
Borough	SC/DAV Exempt Value	Tax Code Area	Mill Rate
City	_____	_____	_____
		Total SC/DAV Exempt	Tax Amount \$ _____

January 21, 2021

I am writing today in reference to the late filing of this tax exemption request for residents 65 and older and why this application is late. This is allowed under Statute, Title 29, Chapter 45, 3AAC 135.040 (a).

We purchased our home at 443 Resurrection Loop, Valdez, AK 99686 in September of 2006. At this time, money to pay for taxes and insurance were collected by the mortgage company and placed in escrow for disbursement to the property insurance company and the city of Valdez for tax purposes. We, as the borrowers, never personally dealt with making an insurance payment or a tax payment as this was always taken care of by the mortgage company.

In September of 2020 we paid off our house mortgage. All of the paperwork and processes by the mortgage company were completed in early October of 2020. We received a check from the mortgage company of unused funds from the escrow portion of the account. At this time, the mortgage company sent a letter with a reminder that we would need to pay the property insurance directly as they would no longer be making these payments. There was no mention of pending tax payments due in this letter.

I received a notice from the city of Valdez tax department dated January 5, 2021 of a delinquent tax payment for our home. I was traveling out of town until January 21, 2021 at which time I went through my mail. I called the city front desk to make payment on this liability and did so on January 22, 2021. At this same time, I asked about filing for the senior citizen exemption for persons 65 years old and older. (As an aside, I had spoken to Barb Rusher in February 2020 regarding the Senior Citizen tax exemption and I was told I was not eligible since I had just turned 65 in January of 2020 and that I would have to wait a year). I was then told that I had missed the deadline by just a week. I was told that the document needed and the other information about this program was on the city website. I viewed this information and immediately saw that I was one week past the deadline. I obtained two copies of the Senior Citizen/Disabled Verteran Property Tax Exemption Application form from the city of Valdez website. I immediately filed the one asking for the exemption for the tax year 2022 after I understood the time frame for filing this request. I did this in person on January 22, 2021 at the front desk of the City of Valdez.

The annual tax liability on our property is in excess of \$3,000 and exceeds 1/6th of my Social Security benefits.

I am filing my Senior Citizen/Disabled Verteran Property Tax Exemption Application form for 2020 now with this accompanying explanation stating the reason for the late filing in the hopes that a positive review of this situation can be obtained. The following information is my explanation for why this application is being filed late.

1. We purchased our home in September of 2006. We have never had to view, respond to or otherwise deal with any tax payments for the 15 years that we've owned our home

because it was taken care of automatically by the mortgage company through the escrow account. Because of this system our tax payments have always been paid in a timely manner and we have never been late in making tax payments.

2. Because we never had to deal with making tax payments we were completely and utterly unaware of the filing time frame for the request for an exemption until directed by the front desk staff at the city office to the city government website on January 22, 2020.
3. We acted immediately to pay the delinquent tax due (not germane to this request but reflective of the general lack of knowledge about the process and deadlines for making timely tax payments and requesting this exemption).

We are asking that you accept this explanation with understanding that unfortunate mistakes can be made as business situations like this change and responsibilities get shifted from one party - the mortgage company - to another party - us. We also ask that you consider this request with kindness in this year of Covid-19 and a generosity of spirit.

Thank you for your time and thoughtfulness in considering our request.

Andy and Cynthia Shidner  
443 Resurrection Loop  
Valdez, AK 99686