



## Ordinance 655

### AN ORDINANCE MAKING CHANGES TO CHAPTER 204 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF ELSMERE CONCERNING TAXATION.

**Sponsored By:** 6<sup>th</sup> District Councilman Brian Hurst

**First and Second Reading:** December 10, 2020 Council Meeting

**Results:** Passed In Favor, Opposed

**Third and Final Reading:** January 14, 2021 Council Meeting

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**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the Town of Elsmere in compliance with Chapter 204–32, has completed the five-year review of this chapter as required by the Code of The Town of Elsmere. and;

**WHEREAS**, after completing the review the Mayor and council wish to make changes to the existing Chapter to help the neediest of our citizens.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF  
THE TOWN OF ELSMERE, AS FOLLOWS:**

1. That in Section 204-28A: Delete, “\$20,000” and replace it with “\$25,000” and
2. That in Section 204-28A: Delete “55%” and replace it with “60%”. and
3. That in Section 204-28B: Delete, “\$20,001” and “\$38,000” and replace these the numbers with “\$25,000.” and “\$45,000.”
4. That in Section 204-28B: Delete, “30%” and replace it with “35%”
5. Then in section 204-32 delete the word “five” and replace it with the word “two”.

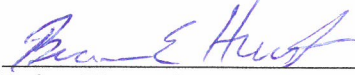
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Eric Thompson, Mayor

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Brian Hurst, Secretary

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**SYNOPSIS**  
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This Ordinance makes the following changes the code of the Town of Elsmere Chapter 204 Taxation and is intended to increase the benefit of the tax break given to those who receive the Towns Senior / Disabled tax reduction and qualify for the Towns Base Tax Credit making the following changes to the tax code.

1. It increases the amount a person can make to qualify for the Base Tax Credit to \$25,000. This is an increase of \$5,000.00. It further increases the percentage of the Base Tax Credit to 60% of the Towns Base Tax Credit this is a 5% increase in the amount of tax credit residents who qualify for the discount.
  
2. It further increases the amount a person with a higher income can make to qualify for the Base Tax Credit for those making up to \$45,000 an increase of \$7,000.00. It further increases the percentage of the Base Tax Credit to 35% of the Towns Base Tax Credit this is a 5% increase in the amount of tax credit residents who qualify for the discount.
  
3. Finally, it requires the Mayor and Council to review this section of the code every two years as opposed to every five ears.

**Fiscal Impact:**

This Ordinance was evaluated by the Director of Finance for the Town who has estimated the fiscal impact of this ordinance to be a revenue loss of at least \$14,696.00 in the fiscal Year 2021 - 2022