

2018-2019 BUDGET QUESTION
Response to Request for Information

DEPARTMENT: Financial Services – Budget

REQUEST NO.: 8

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REQUEST: Based on the FY 2019 Financial Forecast, what is the cost to increase the senior homestead exemption so that the median senior's tax bill remained unchanged from the previous year?

RESPONSE:

The exemption level necessary to keep the median senior/disabled homeowner's tax bill unchanged will depend on the ultimate tax rate adopted by the City Council for FY19.

At the proposed tax rate of \$0.4385 per \$100 of taxable value, an increase of \$16,000, to a total exemption of \$101,500, would be required to keep the median senior/disabled homeowner's tax bill unchanged and would lead to a General Fund revenue loss of \$2.7 million.

At the maximum FY19 tax rate of \$0.4420 per \$100 of taxable value, an increase of \$17,500, to a total exemption of \$103,000, would be required and would lead to a General Fund revenue loss of \$3.0 million.