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Is there really a need for a Metropolitan Park District to support the Friends Of The Pool's over \$20 million dollar Methow Aquatics Complex???

https://nopooltaxes.com

The FOTP is always hyping the property tax exemption program for fixed income folks so as the Proposition 1 tax levy burden will be lessened on them...

There are a few factors they do not openly disclose...

If you are a renter, you will most likely not realize any exemption as the full amount will most likely be passed on to you.

This is basically a senior citizen exemption only... No exemption for low income families... To qualify:

- At least 61 years of age.
- At least 57 years of age and the surviving spouse or domestic partner of a person who was an exemption participant at the time of their death.
- Unable to work because of a disability.
- A disabled veteran with a service-connected evaluation of at least 80% or receiving compensation from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs at the 100% rate for a service-connected disability.

Level 1 income seniors will get no exemption as Proposition 1 will be a regular levy and not an excess levy.

Level 2 and 3 will get only partial exemptions... 35% (max \$70K) and 60% of assessed value respectively

Property tax levies eligible for exemption: There are three levels of exemption depending on your final calculated combined disposable income.

- Level 3 You are exempt from paying excess levies and Part 2 of the state school levy. Generally speaking, excess levies are the voter-approved levies.
- Level 2 You are exempt from paying excess levies, Part 2 of the state school levy, and regular levies on \$50,000 or 35% of the assessed taxable value, whichever is greater (but not more than \$70,000 of the taxable value).
- Level 1 You are exempt from paying excess levies,

Part 2 of the state school levy, and regular levies on \$60,000 or 60% of the assessed taxable value, whichever is greater

Okanogan Level 1 \$30,300 Level 2 \$35,350 Level 3 \$41,000 Deferral \$45,450

Read the rules of the program!!! Fixed/low income seniors, individuals, and families will still be significantly burdened!

https://dor.wa.gov/sites/default/files/2022-02/PTExemption Senior.pdf