2019-2020 Application for Senior Citizen Low Income (50% or 100%) Trash Discount

The City of Melrose Revised Ordinances (January 2016 Chapter 198-3 section 3) provides for a discount on the quarterly trash fee for certain qualifying property owners. Such discount will be granted upon application by Senior Citizen (65 years or older) who occupy their properties and meet certain income guidelines.

To be eligible for the 50% or 100% discount on trash charge you must meet the following criteria:

- You must be 65 years of age or older on the day you apply
- Occupy the property as your principal place of residence

1) PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING IF 65 OR OLDER:

- Owner/Occupant is single with income of $65,870 or less for 50% discount
- Owner/Occupant is married with income of $75,280 or less for 50% discount
- Owner/Occupant is single with income of $35,000 or less for 100% discount
- Owner/Occupant is married with income of $40,000 or less for 100% discount

2) Did you qualify for the 41c Senior Exemption for real estate tax relief? (circle one)  
   Yes  No

   ** If yes to question 2, you may skip step 3.

3) You must provide the following documentation with your application:

- Proof of age - copy of applicant’s State ID or Federal ID showing Date of Birth (State ID, driver’s license, passport, or birth certificate)
- Proof of ownership – copy of deed or property tax bill in the applicant’s name
- Proof of residency – copy of electric bill, gas bill, or phone/cable for the property in applicant’s name
- Copy of 2018 federal income tax return (Form 1040, plus any additional schedules filed) reflecting all sources of income: social security benefits, pension/retirement income, dividends/earnings from stocks/bonds/CDS, and any wage earnings.
- If no 2018 tax return filed, then 2018 annual income statement from social security and 2018 annual statement of income from pension/retirement and December 2018 year end bank statements for both checking and savings accounts showing interest income.

Applications may be submitted annually at the Melrose Water Division. Once approved, the trash discount will be applied to your next quarterly bill and stay effective until December 2020. To continue receiving this discount you will need to re-apply between May 1, 2020-October 15, 2020 with your 2019 tax documents to be eligible for the year 2021.