

**TOWN OF RISING SUN
RESOLUTION 2013-09**

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, Environment Article, Section 9-1605.2, as amended by the General Assembly during the 2012 legislative session, The Town of Rising Sun is establishing a Bay Restoration Fee exemption plan for certain owner occupied residential properties based on a showing of substantial financial hardship.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Rising Sun believe that the proposed Bay Restoration Exemption Plan meets the requirements of the State Law and will be in the best interests of the citizens of Rising Sun, by providing an exemption from the mandates of the State Law for qualifying properties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Rising Sun that the following be adopted as the Town of Rising Sun Bay Restoration Fee Exemption Plan:

1. **FINANCIAL HARDSHIP EXEMPTION CRITERIA:**

In order to qualify for this exemption, the applicant must meet at least two (2) of the following criteria:

- Receiving energy assistance subsidy;
- Receiving public assistance - supplemental security income (SSI) or food stamps;
- Receiving veterans or social security disability benefits;
- Receiving the Homeowner's Property Tax Credit for same fiscal year;
- Meeting the income criteria below, and adjusted time to time by the Maryland Department of the Environment:

Income Eligibility Limits
Effective July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014

Household Size	Monthly Income is
	Less than
1	\$1,628.95
2	\$2,206.45
3	\$2,783.95
4	\$3,361.45
5	\$3,938.95
6	\$4,516.45
For each additional person add	\$ 577.50

2. APPLICATION PROCEDURE AND FORMS:

- Complete the Bat Restoration Fee hardship exempt application form.
(attached as Exhibit A hereto)
- Check all boxes that apply. You must check at least two (2) to qualify for an exemption
- Verification of any exemption criteria (proof of assistance, proof of income, etc.)
- Sign and date the form and submit it with the verification document to:
Town of Rising Sun, Attn: Utility Billing, P.O. Box 456, Rising Sun, MD 21911.
- Renewal application shall be received by May 30th of each year.

3. REQUIRED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:

- Copy of tax bill.
- Proof the applicant is the owner and resides at the property - copy of energy bill.
- Copy of other documentation of receiving one of the above benefits.

4. EXEMPTION TIME-PERIOD:

- Maximum of one year based on fiscal year July 1st through June 30th.
- Applicant must request exemption renewal.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Rising Sun passed, approved and adopted this resolution on this 28TH day of May, 2013


AYES: Chiominto, Marion, Naughton, Osborne, .

NAYS: _____

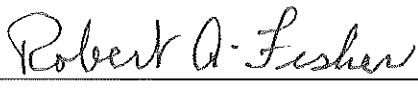
ABSTAINED: _____

ABSENT: _____

ATTEST:

BY: 
Rhonda Harmison,
Town Clerk

THE MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS
OF THE TOWN OF RISING SUN

BY: 
Robert A. Fisher
Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

THIS 28TH DAY OF May, 2013

BY: _____
Jack A. Gullo, Jr., - Town Attorney

STATE OF MARYLAND)

COUNTY OF CECIL)

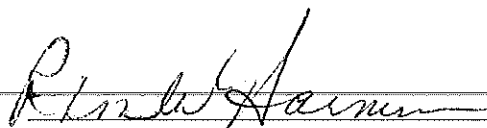
TOWN OF RISING SUN)

SS:

CERTIFICATE

I, Rhonda Harmison, Town Clerk for the Town of Rising Sun, Maryland, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing Resolution is a true, perfect and complete copy of the Resolution adopted by the Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Rising Sun, Maryland, and is identical to the original thereof appearing in the official records of the Town of Rising Sun, Maryland and the same has not, since its adoption, been rescinded or amended in any respect.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have affixed the seal of the Town of Rising Sun as of this 28TH day of May, 2013.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rhonda Harmison', is written over a horizontal line.

Rhonda Harmison,
Town Clerk