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Dear Valued Sewer Customer:

Please take a moment to complete the attached 2013 Sewer Exemption form in order to continue receiving your \$10.00 discounted service rate. We are required on an annual basis to have the exemption form completed by our qualified sewer customers.

As a reminder, if you've already provided us with proof of your age it is not necessary to do it again. If you need assistance completing the form, please stop by the Village Office and we will be more than happy to assist you.

Very truly yours,
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APPLICATION FOR SENIOR SEWER RATE EXEMPTION

2013

1. Name, mailing address and telephone no. of owner(s):

Day No: () _____

Evening No. () _____

2. Location of property:

Street Address _____
Property Tax Map No. _____

3. Is the property owned by a husband and wife or by siblings, whereby at least one spouse or sibling will be 65 years of age as of December 31, 2012? Yes No

Indicate document submitted with application as proof of age of owner(s):

Driver's License Birth Certificate Other (specify)

(If proof of age was submitted earlier, it is NOT NECESSARY TO SUBMIT IT AGAIN)

4. Is the total 2012 income of all the owners, and of any owners' spouses residing on the premises, \$15,000 or less? Yes No

Sewer Rate Exemption

§ 41-3.1. Conditions for exemption.

Real property owned by persons sixty-five (65) years of age or over or real property owned by the husband and wife, one (1) of whom is sixty-five (65) years of age or over, shall be exempt from sewer rents to the extent of ten dollars (\$10) subject to the following conditions:

- A. The owner or all of the owners must file an application, on forms prescribed by the Village of Tupper Lake, annually in the Village Clerk's office prior to the first day of the respective month in which said exemption shall be considered to take effect. The exemption may be applied for during any month to take effect the first day of the month following acceptable application. The exemption shall be valid for a year, unless renewed as stated above.
- B. The income of the owner or the combined income of the owners must not exceed the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) for the income tax year prior to the date that the application is filed. Where title is vested in either the husband or wife, the combined income of husband and wife may not exceed such sum.
- C. Title to the property must be vested in the owner or, if there is more than one (1) owner, in all of the owners for at least twenty-four (24) consecutive months prior to the date that the application is filed. For purposes of this exemption a period of prior owner ownership of real property may be combined and deemed consecutive with the period of ownership of real property for which application for exemption is made where:
 - (1) By devise or descent sole title to the property passes to a surviving spouse from a deceased spouse possessing sole title to the same property at the time of death;
 - (2) There is a transfer of all or part of title to the same property between husband and wife;
 - (3) Property has been acquired to replace property formerly owned by the applicant or applicants and taken by eminent domain or other involuntary proceeding, except a tax sale; or
 - (4) A residence is sold and replaced with another within one (1) year and is in the same assessment unit.
- D. The property must be used exclusively for residential purposes, be occupied in whole or in part by the owners, and constitute the legal residence of the owners.

- E. At least sixty (60) days prior to taxable status date, the assessing authority shall mail to each person who was granted exemption, pursuant to this local law, on the latest completed assessment roll an application form and a notice that such application must be filed on or before taxable status date and be approved in order for the exemption to be granted. Failure to mail any such application form and notice or the failure of such person to receive the same shall not prevent the levy, collection and enforcement of the payment of the taxes on the property owned by such person.