

**ORDINANCE TO EXPAND TAX EXEMPTION ELIGIBILITY FOR CERTAIN DISABLED VETERANS OF CHAPLIN PER GENERAL STATUTES SECTION 12-81(83), AUTHORIZED BY PUBIC ACT 25-168**

**WHEREAS**, Connecticut General Statutes section 12-81(83) has primarily established, among other alternative items, a property tax exemption for any dwelling owned and occupied as the primary residence of a military veteran who has a service connected permanent and total disability rating as determined by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (U.S. DVA); and,

**WHEREAS**, Section 240 of Connecticut Public Act No. 25-168 now authorizes municipalities to expand eligibility under General Statutes section 12-81(83) to any veteran determined by the U.S. DVA to have a service-connected total disability based on individual unemployability; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Chaplin wishes to expand eligibility for the Section 12-81(83) property tax exemption for disabled veterans as newly authorized by Section 240 of Connecticut Public Act 25-168, effective October 1, 2025, and the Grand List of said date;

**THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF CHAPLIN IN TOWN MEETING DULY ASSEMBLED THAT:**

**Section 1. Expanded Eligibility for Exemption**

Effective starting with the October 1, 2025 Grand List and for all future Grand Lists, any Chaplin U.S. military veteran “determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to have a “service-connected total disability based on individual unemployability” (TDIU) may duly apply for and if otherwise eligible receive property tax exemption for their dwelling owned and occupied as their primary residence, or any applicable alternative exemption provided by General Statutes Section 12-81(83)

**Section 4. Effective Date**

This ordinance shall become effective following approval at Town Meeting and fifteen (15) days after publication in a newspaper having substantial circulation within the Town of Chaplin.

Adopted:

Effective: