



George Latimer
County Executive

May 2, 2022

Westchester County Board of Legislators
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White Plains, New York 10601

Dear Honorable Members of the Board:

Enclosed herewith for your consideration is an "Act Amending Act 2-2004 as amended by Acts 163-2008 and 211-2014 to provide a waiver of civil service examination application fees for veterans."

Pursuant to New York State Civil Service Law § 50(5), local governments are authorized to establish a uniform schedule of reasonable fees for the administration of civil service examinations. The County, by Act of the Board of Legislators, has established and amended a fee schedule for civil service examination pursuant to this authority.

While adopting the fee schedule, a waiver was provided for anyone who certified that they were unemployed and primarily responsible for the support of a household. The waiver was subsequently extended to any individual who was serving on active military duty during the filing period for the examination.

Through the attached Act, the County would extend that waiver to any person who is a veteran of the armed forces. This extension would match the waiver granted by the New York State Civil Service Commission, as well as several other counties in the region, including Nassau and Suffolk, and New York City, by waiving fees for anyone who was honorably discharged or released from service under honorable conditions, after serving in the armed forces of the United States or the reserves thereof, or in the army national guard, air national guard, New York guard, or the New York naval militia.

I believe that it is appropriate to extend this waiver to those who have admirably served their country, and therefore I respectfully urge that your Honorable Board adopt the attached Act.

Sincerely,



GEORGE LATIMER

County Executive
Enclosure

TO: HONORABLE BOARD OF LEGISLATORS
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

Your Committee has reviewed the attached “Act Amending Act 2-2004 as amended by Acts 163-2008 and 211-2014 to provide a waiver of civil service examination application fees for veterans.”

Your Committee is informed that pursuant to New York State Civil Service Law § 50(5), local governments are authorized to establish a uniform schedule of reasonable fees for the administration of civil service examinations.

Your Committee notes that by Act 2-2004, the Westchester County Board of Legislators imposed a fee for individuals applying for examinations pursuant to this authority. By Act 211-2014, this Board increased those fees to their current levels, which are one hundred dollars for Police Officer, Firefighter, or Correction Officer exams, including promotional titles within those series, and forty dollars for all other examinations for a position in the competitive or non-competitive class.

Your Committee further notes that in adopting Act 2-2004, a waiver was provided for anyone who certified that they were unemployed and primarily responsible for the support of a household. By Act 163-2008, that waiver was extended to any individual who was serving on active military duty during the filing period for the examination.

Through the attached Act, this Board would extend that waiver to any person who is a veteran of the armed forces. This extension would match the waiver granted by the New York State Civil Service Commission, as well as several other counties in the region, including Nassau and Suffolk, and New York City, by waiving fees for anyone who was honorably discharged or released from service under honorable conditions, after serving in the armed forces of the United States or the reserves thereof, or in the army national guard, air national guard, New York guard, or the New York naval militia.

Your Committee is informed that the proposed legislation does not meet the definition of an action under New York State Environmental Quality Review Act and its implementing

regulations, 6 NYCRR Part 617. Please refer to the memorandum from the Department of Planning dated January 14, 2022, which is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Legislators. Your Committee concurs in this conclusion.

Your Committee, after careful consideration, recommends the adoption of this Act.

Dated: _____, 2022

White Plains, New York

COMMITTEE ON

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

SUBJECT: Waiver for Veterans' Civil Service Exam NO FISCAL IMPACT PROJECTED

OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT

To Be Completed by Submitting Department and Reviewed by Budget

SECTION A - FUND

GENERAL FUND AIRPORT FUND SPECIAL DISTRICTS FUND

SECTION B - EXPENSES AND REVENUES

Total Current Year Expense _____

Total Current Year Revenue _____

Source of Funds (check one): Current Appropriations Transfer of Existing Appropriations

Additional Appropriations Other (explain)

Identify Accounts: 101-12-6010-4909; 101-12-6010-9122

Potential Related Operating Budget Expenses: Annual Amount (\$4,000)

Describe: Act Amending Act 2-2004 as amended by Acts 163-2088 and 211-2014 to provide a waiver of civil service examination fees for veterans.

Potential Related Operating Budget Revenues: Annual Amount (\$8,000)

Describe: Estimating approximately 200 veteran applicants per year. Application fee is \$40.

Anticipated Savings to County and/or Impact on Department Operations:

Current Year: _____

Next Four Years: _____

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Department: Budget

Date: April 28, 2022

Reviewed By: 

Budget Director

Date: 4/28/22

ACT NO.

-2022

Act Amending Act 2-2004 as amended by Acts 163-2008 and 211-2014 to provide a waiver of civil service examination application fees for veterans.

BE IT ENACTED by the County Board of the County of Westchester as follows:

Section 1. Section 4 of Act No. 2-2004, as amended by Acts 163-2008 and 211-2014 is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 4. Any fees collected pursuant to sections 1 and 2 of this Act shall be waived for candidates who certify that they are unemployed and primarily responsible for the support of a household as well as those individuals who are serving on active duty during the filing period for a civil service examination. These fees shall also be waived for any veteran, as that term is defined in Section 50(5)(b) of the New York State Civil Service Law.

Section 2. This Act shall take effect immediately, and shall apply to all applications for examinations to be held on or after January 1, 2023.