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Lower Township Council Approves No Construction Fees for Veterans

Lower Township Council approved an ordinance to exempt disabled veterans or their caretakers from construction permit fees for work related to improving accessibility inside and outside their homes on Aug. 4.

Councilmember Tom Conrad, who proposed the ordinance, said disabled veterans gave enough and should not have to bear the costs of construction fees for improvements to their homes that aid their accessibility.

The ordinance amends the code of Lower Township to, “exempt disabled veterans or their caretakers in whose home they reside from the payment of any construction permit fee for any construction, reconstruction, alteration, or improvement designed and undertaken solely to promote accessibility by the disabled veteran to his or her own living unit whether owned by the caretaker or disabled veteran.”

“It’s not just for returning veterans. This could also help some older veterans whose disabilities are could be getting worse with age,” Conrad noted.

The ordinance is based on pending Assembly Bill 2299, which is state legislation proposed by war veteran and Assemblyman Robert Andrzejczak, D-Cape May, Cumberland, Atlantic.

By passing the Lower Township’s version of the bill, Conrad said it also shows local support for the pending state legislation.

“We don’t need to wait to the state to pass something like this when Lower Township Council could accomplish something similar ourselves,” Conrad said. “It is something small we can do for the men and women who gave so much to their country.”

All members of council voted in favor of the ordinance at its introduction and its adoption.