

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT IS THE NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION PLAN?
The NRP allows tax rebates for new construction and the rehabilitation of existing structures.

WHAT IS A TAX REBATE?

In this case, a tax rebate is a refund of property taxes that would otherwise be owed on the actual value added to a property due to improvements. The rebate applies only to the additional taxes resulting from the incremental increased value of the property.

CAN PROPERTY TAXES BE ELIMINATED BY THE REBATE?

There will always be some taxes on property. Under the NRP, taxes on the appraised value of the property prior to the improvement will not be reduced and continue to be payable.

WHAT IMPROVEMENTS WILL INCREASE THE VALUE?

New construction, additions, and major rehabilitation will increase the appraised value. Repairs generally will not increase the appraised value unless there are several major repairs completed at the same time.

HOW LONG IS THE PERIOD OF THE TAX REBATE?

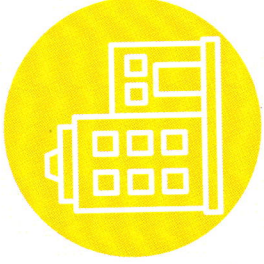
The NRP is effective from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2027. A property owner may apply for the tax rebate at any time during the plan period.

PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

- The program rebates 95% of the incremental increase in property taxes for the participating taxing entities annually for 5 years.
- The incremental increase is the difference in appraised value between January 1st of the application year and January 1st of the year following completion of the project.
- New construction and remodeling/rehabilitation of residential, commercial, and agricultural structures are eligible for the program, though they must add a minimum of \$20,000 to the property's appraised value.
- The rebate applies for five years so long as construction begins and the application is approved by 12/31/2027 and other requirements are met.
- The tax rebate transfers with property ownership for any remaining time in the program for the property.
- All property taxes must be current at the time of application and for the life of the rebate.
- To participate in the program, the property owner should complete an application form and return it along with a \$25 fee prior to beginning construction or within sixty (60) days of issuance of the building permit, if required.



Residential



Commercial



Agricultural

HOW TO APPLY

- Obtain an Application for Tax Rebate from the County Clerk's office at 110 W Maple, Columbus, KS, or online at www.cherokeecountyks.gov/main
- Obtain a building permit from the Cherokee County Appraiser's office at 110 W Maple, Columbus, KS prior to commencement of construction on the project.
- Submit Part 1 of the application to the County Clerk's office prior to beginning construction or within 60 days of issuance of the building permit along with the \$25 non-refundable fee.
- Complete and submit Part 2 of the application to the County Clerk's office on or before December 31st of the year in which the project is completed.

**The information provided in this brochure is a summary only. Please refer to the clerk's office for the official resolution and plan details.*



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CHEROKEE COUNTY NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION PLAN

JANUARY 1, 2023 – DECEMBER 31, 2027

