

ATTENTION: All Senior Citizens

Allegheny County has in place a Senior Citizen Tax Relief Program. This program gives a 30% property tax reduction to those senior citizens who qualify. It also provides two additional payment benefits: 1) save an additional 2% by paying the discount amount by March 31st, or 2) pay in two equal installments: half the gross tax due April 30th, and the other half due September 30th.

To qualify, an applicant must meet all of the following requirements:

- 1) If single, the applicant must be 60 years of age or older during the year 2016. If married, either spouse must be 60 years of age or older. If widowed, applicant must be 50 or older. Permanently disabled homeowners age 18 or older may also qualify.
- 2) The applicant must have owned one or more primary residences in Allegheny County continuously for at least the past ten (10) years.
- 3) Household income cannot exceed \$30,000 for the previous year. Use 50% of your social security plus the total of all other income to determine this amount.

To apply, please call the Treasurer's Office at (412) 350-4100, Or access our web site at

<http://www.alleghenycounty.us/treasurers-office/index.aspx>

If you have been approved and are already receiving this tax relief you DO NOT have to reapply each year.

Note: All applications must be received by the Treasurer no later than June 30, 2016.

Allegheny County Enacts HOMESTEAD EXCLUSION

Allegheny County Council adopted an ordinance that will provide real estate tax relief for all county homeowners. Currently, Allegheny County's Homestead Exclusion excludes the first \$18,000.00 of the assessed value of your home. For example, if your home has a total assessed value of 50,000.00 you will only pay Allegheny County property taxes based on the remaining \$32,000.00 of the assessed value. By law all tax payers must file a Homestead/Farmstead application in order to qualify for this program. At the current millage rate of 4.73, every approved applicant of the program will save \$85.14 off his/her county tax bill.

Also, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania may provide applicants with tax relief for his/her local school taxes directly from tax money generated from gaming revenue.

Please check with the local tax collector for more details regarding school tax relief.

The only requirement is that you are the owner of the property listed on the application, and the property is your primary residence. If you have any questions concerning this program please call (412)350-4600. The application can be downloaded at www.alleghenycounty.us.

Applications must be filed by March 1, 2016, to be eligible for this reduction in tax year 2016.