

# **City of Dover Senior Citizen & Disability Property Tax Reduction Program**

## **Message from the City of Dover**

The City of Dover is proud to offer senior citizens property tax reductions.

Please review the information in this brochure and feel free to contact us if you have any questions. The requirements are listed as well as the procedure on what is required to be completed to receive the tax reduction as well as the deadline to have the request submitted.

It is important to us that we continue to make Dover a place where people want to live!

\*If you are not already on our mailing list please contact the Assessor's Office so application can be mailed to you each year.

## **Requirements**

1. The Senior Citizen Tax Reduction Program is available to seniors, 60 years of age or older on or before March 1st of the tax year in which you are applying for the exemption.
2. Disability Tax Reduction Program is available to citizens who are considered disabled per the Social Security Administration. A statement from SSA is required.
3. Even if you have applied and received the tax exemption in previous years you must reapply each year for the reduction to appear on your tax bill.
4. There are additional requirements that are based on age, ownership status, residence and occupancy, and income.

**Deadline for the tax reduction application is May 31st of each year.**

## **Income Questions**

**What does my yearly income have to be, in order for me to qualify?**

*Your income cannot exceed \$16,770 if you are single or \$23,479 for a couple, excluding Social Security, Railroad and Federal Civil Service Pension (Federal Civil Service Retirement Exclusion not to exceed the sum of \$35,190).*

**Does my military retirement count as income?**

*Yes, therefore it may not be deducted from your yearly income.*

**Should income associated with individual retirement account (IRAs) be deducted from my yearly income?**

*No, earnings on IRAs should be considered as income.*

**Is the Social Security Pension to be included in the Total Income?**

*No, Social Security, Railroad or Federal Civil Service Pensions are not to be included. Income levels for disability reduction do not apply.*

**Additional Information**

**How much will this reduction save on my yearly property tax bill?**

*The reduction will be up to \$50,000 off the real property value, which will be approximately \$165.00 off your yearly tax bill. (Based on current tax rates)*

**Do rental properties qualify for the Senior Citizen/Disability Property Tax Exemption?**

*No, your name must be on the deed and you must live at the residence in order to qualify for the exemption.*

**When do I receive my reduction?**

*The reduction will be taken off your yearly tax bill, which is mailed out July 1<sup>st</sup> of every year.*

***Due to COLA (Cost of Living Adjustments) the amount will vary each year, please call for current income requirements.***

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