

NEWS RELEASE

The Assessor's Office will be accepting applications from February 1, 2012 to May 15, 2012 for the Elderly and Disabled Homeowners Programs. Applications will be accepted between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

To be eligible for the program, applicants must be 65 years of age or over as of December 31, 2011, or be totally disabled, own the home to which the tax credit will be applied, be a resident of that dwelling, and have an income of \$39,500 or less for a married couple or \$32,300 or less for a single person. Proof of 2011 income must be provided. Such proof may include a copy of a 2011 Income Tax Return, if required to file one, bank statements showing interest earned, pension statements, dividend statements, Statement of Earnings from the Social Security Administration (SSA 1099 or SSA 2458).

Homeowners who are currently on the program and need to reapply will receive a notice by mail.

Applications are also available for Additional Veterans Exemptions. Applicants must have the same income as stated above and provide the same proof of income unless the veteran is receiving a 100% disability rating. In this case, the income requirements are \$21,000 for a married couple and \$18,000 for a single person and only taxable income information must be provided.

Applications are also available for local exemptions for veterans, the totally disabled and blind. These exemptions must be applied for by October 1st.

The Town also offers a Tax Relief Program for Elderly and Totally Disabled Homeowners. The income limits for this program are \$49,500 or less for a married couple and \$42,300 or less for a single person. Documentation as listed above must be presented.

Details about all these programs may be received by contacting the Assessor's Office at 203-881-5013.