CAN YOU GET A BREAK ON YOUR PROPERTY TAX BILLS?

Yes! If you are age 65 or older, or disabled with limited income, you may qualify:

Tax Relief Program – 2018 Income limit $29,860

Qualified property owners may receive property tax assistance from the State and Metro. For property owners 65 or older, or disabled property owners of any age who are rated totally and permanently disabled by Social Security Administration on or before December 31st, 2019 with a current award letter. Taxpayers must own and live on the property as their primary residence. The combined 2018 income of all owners, and married couples, even if both names are not on the deed, cannot exceed $29,860. The income of applicant’s spouse is required regardless of residency or ownership.

Tax Freeze Program – 2018 Income limit $42,620

Eligible taxpayers 65 and older can freeze their taxes at the amount for the year they apply. Taxes will not go up if the property owner recertifies every year by the deadline date, and they meet income requirement. Taxpayers must own and live on the property as their primary residence. Home additions and major improvements will increase the taxpayers’ frozen amount. The combined 2018 income of all owners, and married couples, even if both names are not on the deed, cannot exceed $42,620. The income of applicant’s spouse is required regardless of residency or ownership.

Income used to determine eligibility for both programs includes, but is not limited to:

- Social Security income less Medicare and/or SSI income
- Retirement, IRA, or pension benefits
- VA benefits, workers comp, salaries
- Interest, dividends, and/or royalties
- Income from other properties and sold properties

How to apply:
First-time applicants should come to the Metro Trustee’s office to sign up. Applications are accepted Monday through Friday 8:00am to 3:00pm. No appointment is required.

Please bring:
- Proof of age: Driver’s license or State ID, and Medicare card.
- Proof of residence: Voter’s registration
- Proof of income: 2018 tax return with all attachments; or other income documents, such as a 1099 and a bank statement, if no tax return is filed
- Medicare Card
How It Works

Disabled veterans may be granted property tax relief if their disability meets criteria set by the Veterans Administration and approved by the State of Tennessee.

There is no age or income restriction for disabled veterans applying for tax relief. Disability must be a total and permanent disability rating from a service-connected disability or a 100% total and permanent disability rating from being a prisoner of war. The Veteran must not have been dishonorably discharged from any armed services.

The disabled veteran must own the property on which they apply, and it must be their primary residence. Tax relief may be granted to the surviving spouse if they have not remarried and they are named on the deed.

How to Apply

First-time applicants must fill out the required paperwork in person at the Metro Trustee’s Office. Payment of the full property tax amount due is required of first-time applicants. Once approved, the taxpayer will receive a refund from the State of Tennessee and Metro Nashville.

Applications are accepted Monday through Friday, 8:00am to 3:00pm. No appointment is required. The deadline to apply is April 6, 2020. Applicants must renew each year by the deadline. Renewal vouchers are mailed every October.

Please bring:
- Driver’s license and proof of disability.
- Spouses of deceased disabled veterans who may qualify are required to provide a death certificate and veteran’s social security number.

Contact the Metro Trustee’s Office for more information:

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