

# PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS

## FOR SENIORS & DISABLED PERSONS.

To make Pierce County an even better place to live, and to reduce hardships on people with fixed incomes, property tax exemptions are available.

The Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Exemption Program freezes the value of your residence, exempts you from paying excess levies and may exempt you from a portion of regular levies. The result is a reduction in your property taxes.

The Assessor-Treasurer will continue to annually determine the market value of your property. However, you will only be billed for taxes on the frozen value.

### How Do You Qualify?

The Senior Citizens Exemption requires that you be at least 61 years old by December 31 in the year prior to application.

There is no age limit for the Disabled Persons Exemption but you must be unable to work due to a disability. A doctor's statement verifying your disability is required with your application.

Your total annual household income, including that of your spouse and any co-tenants, must not exceed \$35,000.

Exemption levels are determined by income. There are three categories with varying degrees of exemption rates.

More information on exemption rate categories is available by contacting the Assessor-Treasurer's office.

### INCOME CATEGORIES

- Category A: \$25,000 or less
- Category B: \$25,001 - \$30,000
- Category C: \$30,001 - \$35,000

### What Property Qualifies?

This exemption is available for your primary residence and up to one acre of land on which the home is located. If zoning and land use regulations require more than one acre of land per residence, you may be eligible for an exemption on up to five acres of land. A mobile home may also qualify as your residence, even if you do not own the land on which the mobile home is located.

The home must be your primary residence at the time you apply and must be owner occupied for at least six months each year.

Your residence may qualify even if you are temporarily in a hospital or nursing home, assisted living, or adult care facility. You may rent your residence to someone else during your absence if the income is used to pay the hospital, licensed nursing home, adult care facility or assisted living costs. Proof of rents collected and adult care facility, assisted living and licensed nursing home expenses are required.

### When And How Do You Apply?

You may apply for the exemption program during the year your taxes are due.

For your convenience, applications will be mailed to you by completing and returning the card below, by calling the Senior Citizen and Disabled Person Exemption Hotline at 253-798-2169 or you may obtain an application online.

PLEASE SEND ME AN APPLICATION FOR A SENIOR CITIZEN OR DISABLED PERSON PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

(COMPLETE CARD, PLACE IN AN ENVELOPE AND MAIL TO THE ADDRESS BELOW.)

Check one:  Senior Citizen  Disabled Person

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Parcel Number (if available) \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to:  
**Pierce County Assessor-Treasurer**  
 Senior Citizen/Disabled Persons  
 Exemption Department  
 2401 So. 35th Street, Room 142  
 Tacoma WA 98409-7498

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