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## **Property Tax Relief for Ohio Homeowners:**

### **Now ALL senior citizens qualify**



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Ohio's senior citizens have spent their entire lives taking care of their families and lending a helping hand to their neighbors.

Now Ohio is offering seniors and the disabled a helping hand with the burden of property and manufactured home taxes.



A new and expanded Homestead Exemption, proposed by Governor Ted Strickland in early 2007 and enacted by the Ohio General Assembly, will lower residential property tax bills for all seniors and qualifying disabled individuals **by an average of \$300 - \$400 each year, regardless of income.**




**IMPORTANT:** Those who were not previously eligible must apply now in the County Auditor's Office in order to receive tax relief through the new Homestead Exemption.

## ★ Real tax relief

Here's how the new Homestead Exemption works. Eligible homeowners are able to shield \$25,000 worth of the market value of their home from local property taxes. *For example*, the owner of a \$100,000 home who is eligible for the Homestead Exemption would be billed as if the home was worth \$75,000.

## ★ Broad eligibility

The new Homestead Exemption is open to any Ohio homeowner who currently lives in their home, and that home is their primary residence as of January 1, and who:

-  Is at least 65 years old or will reach age 65 during the current tax year; **or**
-  Is certified totally and permanently disabled as of Jan. 1 of the current tax year, regardless of age; **or**
-  Is the surviving spouse of a qualified homeowner, and who was at least 59 years old on the date of their spouse's death.

**NOTE: Homeowners who currently receive the Homestead Exemption will automatically qualify for the expanded exemption and do not have to reapply.**

## ★ Easy to apply

Eligible homeowners may apply for the new Homestead Exemption in our office from the first Monday in January to the first Monday in June each year.

The application form is available in our office at the County Administration Bldg., Room 306, 144 N. Broadway St., Medina, Ohio 44256 or at our website: [www.medinacountyauditor.org](http://www.medinacountyauditor.org)