

## REAL ESTATE TAX RELIEF FOR THE ELDERLY & DISABLED



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## THE CITY OF RICHMOND’S TAX RELIEF FOR THE ELDERLY & DISABLED PROGRAM

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- *Are you 65 years or older or disabled?*
- *Own and live in your dwelling?*
- *Earn less than \$60,000 annually?*
- *Have less than \$350,000 in assets?*

*If so, you may qualify for up to 100% of real estate tax relief.*

## WHAT IS THE TAX RELIEF FOR THE ELDERLY AND DISABLED PROGRAM?

The tax relief program provides assistance to the elderly and disabled homeowners of Richmond with their real estate taxes. Citizens who participate in the program have their annual real estate tax **bills reduced by 25% to 100%**, depending on their **household** income.

## WHAT IS THE TAX FREEZE PROGRAM?

This program will allow citizens who meet the qualifications an opportunity to pay the same amount of taxes over a three-year period by freezing the current year's tax amount.

## HOW DO I QUALIFY?

The tax relief program is based on age or disability, income, and net worth as of **December 31<sup>st</sup> of the previous year**. All citizens must meet the following criteria:

- Must be 65 or older, OR are permanently and totally disabled;
- Must live in the dwelling;
- Have a combined household income of \$60,000 or less; and
- Have assets (net worth) of less than \$350,000.

## DO I HAVE TO VERIFY MY AGE, INCOME OR DISABILITY?

Yes. You must submit a completed application along with documentation of all sources of income (SSA-1099, 1099R, W-2), net worth, and age. Disabled applicants must provide a disability certification or sworn affidavits from two medical doctors licensed in Virginia to the effect that the applicant is totally and permanently disabled. These affidavits must be dated within six months of the application date.

## DO I INCLUDE THE INCOME OF OTHERS WHO RESIDE WITH ME?

Yes. However the first \$10,000 from each relative (other than the spouse) is excluded when calculating the total household income.

## HOW DO I APPLY?

Applications are located at City Hall, East End and Southside offices, Libraries, Social Services, Senior Connections, City Council offices, on the City website and by calling the Tax Relief line at (804) 646-6015.

## WHEN IS THE DEADLINE?

The Department of Finance must receive applications and recertification forms by March 31<sup>st</sup>. Applications for first-time applicants and hardship cases will be considered through June 15<sup>th</sup>.

## ARE THERE OTHER BENEFITS TO THESE PROGRAMS?

Yes. Tax relief and tax freeze participants receive the Solid Waste and Recycling fee credit monthly.

I am 65 years or older or totally and permanently disabled. Please send me an application for the tax relief program.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First MI  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_