

MAINE TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

2010 EXEMPTIONS

HOMEOWNER EXEMPTION

In order to qualify for the Homeowner Exemption for the tax year 2010, your property must have been:

- occupied by the current or previous owner as of January 1, 2010, and used as your principal place of residence.

You must have been responsible for payment of the property taxes.

LONG-TIME OCCUPANT EXEMPTION

The Long-Time Occupant Exemption enables you to receive an Expanded Homeowner Exemption with no maximum exemption amount. Requirements for this exemption state that you must have:

- owned and occupied your residence from January 1, 2000 to January 1, 2010,
- a total household income of \$100,000 or less, and
- an assessment increase for your property that was significant enough to exceed the maximum exemption set by the state legislature.

The application for this exemption must be notarized and filed annually and may be subject to audit by the County.

Please Note: Properties not eligible to receive the Long-Time Occupant Exemption are eligible to receive the full benefits of the standard Expanded Homeowner Exemption.

SENIOR CITIZEN EXEMPTION

To qualify for the Senior Citizen Exemption for the 2010 tax year you must have:

- been born prior to or in the year 1945,
- owned the property during 2010, and
- used the property as your principal place of residence.

If you qualify for the senior exemption you will automatically receive the Homeowner Exemption.

SENIOR FREEZE EXEMPTION

To qualify for the Senior Freeze Exemption for the tax year 2010, you must:

- have been born prior to or in the year 1945,
- have a total household income of \$55,000 or less for the income tax year 2009,
- have owned the property or had a legal, equitable or leasehold interest in the property on January 1, 2009 and January 1, 2010,
- have used the property as a principal place of residence as of January 1, 2009 and January 1, 2010, and
- have been liable for the payment of 2009 and 2010 property taxes.

The application for this exemption must be notarized and filed annually and may be subject to audit. If you receive the Senior Freeze Exemption, you are not eligible to receive the Long-Time Occupant Exemption.

RETURNING VETERANS' EXEMPTION

If you returned from active duty in armed conflict you may be eligible to receive the Returning Veterans' Exemption. This exemption entitles you to a \$5,000 reduction in the equalized assessed value of your property for each taxable year in which you return.

This exemption must be applied for each year you return from active duty.

DISABLED VETERANS' STANDARD HOMEOWNER EXEMPTION

If you are a veteran with a service-connected disability as certified by the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs, you are eligible for the annual Disabled Veterans' Standard Homeowner Exemption. A disability of at least 75 percent is eligible for a \$5,000 reduction in equalized assessed value (EAV). A disability of at least 50 percent is eligible for a \$2,500 reduction in EAV.

This exemption must be applied for annually.

DISABLED PERSONS' EXEMPTION

The Disabled Persons' Exemption provides an annual \$2,000 reduction in the equalized assessed value (EAV) of your property. To qualify, you must be disabled during the assessment year, own or have a legal or equitable interest in the property, have occupied the property as your principal residence on January 1, 2010, and be liable for payment of the property taxes.

This exemption must be applied for annually.

Exemption applications will be mailed directly from the Cook County Assessor's office. The first mailing should be in February for the Senior Freeze. Once the documents mail from Cook County, they will be available at Maine Township.