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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

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Property Tax Reduction for Elderly & Totally Disabled

The Southington Assessor's Office is accepting applications for the elderly homeowners program which helps reduce property taxes. Income limits are \$37,000 for single residents and \$45,100 for married couples. One spouse in the household must be at least 65 years of age as of last December 31st. Those who are receiving Social Security Disability benefits may apply regardless of age.

The office is also accepting applications for Tax Stabilization (tax freeze). One spouse in the household must be 70 years of age as of last December 31st, and if married, his or her spouse is 62 years of age or over as of last December 31st. Income limits are \$32,000 for single residents and \$37,000 for married couples. Under this program the deferred amount of taxes, with interest, shall have a lien placed against the property.

For either program, applicants must file by May 15, 2020 and bring their Federal Income Tax return and Social Security 1099 statements for 2019 with them.

For more information, call the Assessor's Office at (860) 276-6205.



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To our Elderly & Veteran benefit recipients,

Effective February 1, 2020, Elderly & Veteran benefit total income calculations will be revised.

The biggest changes, as mandated by CT Office of Policy & Management are as follows:

Elderly: Includes **total income, taxable & non-taxable**. Veteran disability payments, pensions and dependency & indemnity compensation **are all included as income**.

Veteran: 1. No changes in calculation of total income, we have not and will not use veteran disability payments. Veteran pensions are included in calculations.
2. Veterans who are 100% disabled may not make more than \$18,000 if unmarried and not more than if married. If income is more than the limit, benefit entitlement is base amount only.

Our office will not be going back to recalculate past filings. The revised calculation will be utilized beginning with the 2019 Grand List, billable in July 2020.

Sincerely,

Assessment Staff