

## Frequently asked question

### ❖ Special Senior Property Tax Exemption Q&A

- ❖ **Is the Special Senior Exemption a full exemption for everyone 65 years of age or older?**
  - No, it is an exemption that is in addition to the Over-65 exemption that will freeze the taxes for the next applicable tax year once claimed.
- ❖ **I do not file income taxes. How does that affect my Special Senior Exemption claim?**
  - It does not, taxable income is not a qualification for the SSPE (Special Senior Property Tax Exemption)
- ❖ **Can I get this exemption on all my properties?**
  - No, The Special Senior Exemption can only be claimed on the property that is your primary residence or any adjacent properties that are considered part of your primary residence.
- ❖ **I am over the age of 65, but my spouse is not. Can I still claim the Special Senior exemption?**
  - Yes, you can still claim the exemption even though your spouse is not 65 years of age or older at this time. If your name is on the deed and the property is your primary residence, the exemption can be claimed.
- ❖ **I did not live on my property for 5 years can I claim the exemption?**
  - No, one of the qualifications to claim the exemption is to have the property assessed in your name for 5 years immediately preceding the year they are claiming.
- ❖ **How long will the exemption stay on the property?**
  - The exemption will remain on the property if you renew the Over-65 Exemption each year.
- ❖ **If my value, goes down will I be able to claim the exemption at the lower rate?**
  - Yes, you will only need to come in and reclaim the exemption at the lower rate.