

Property Tax Exemption

for Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons

Under the exemption program, the value of your residence is frozen for property tax purposes, and you become exempt from all excess and special levies and possibly regular levies - result in a reduction in your property taxes. The exemption is available for your primary residence and up to five acres* of land.

**The exemption is available for a primary residence and one acre of land. If local zoning and land use regulations require more than one acre of land per residence in the area where you live, you may be eligible for a property tax exemption on up to five acres of land.*

The current RCW 84.36.381 (effective 2005 and beyond) grants property tax exemptions if ...

- Your total annual income is \$35,000 or less
- You are 61 years of age or older or are disabled on or before December 31 of the year you file
- You are retired because of a physical disability
- If you are a veteran of the armed forces of the U.S. with 100% service-connected disability as provided in 42 USC Sec 423 (d)(1)(A)
- You are a widow or widower, or domestic partner at least 57 years of age whose spouse or domestic partner had an exemption at the time of their death

You must be the owner and occupant of a single family dwelling, mobile home, condo or co-op housing.

Note: Once you have applied for an exemption and received an approval, you only need to file once every 4 years to maintain exemption. The Assessor's Office will notify you when it is time to file. If you paid prior years' taxes because of a mistake, oversight or lack of knowledge about this program, you may apply for a refund by filing an application for refund with your county assessor. Separate applications must be submitted for each of the tax years. Refunds will not be made beyond 3 years.

To download an application or renewal form...

Go to www.kingcounty.gov/assessor/exemptions

Click on Senior/Disabled Property Tax Exemption

Click on Visit Forms Page

If you'd like to be added to the King County mailing list for new applications call the Exemptions Unit 206-296-3920, then select option # 1 and then select option # 4

Leave your name, address and phone number and King County will send you a new application

For more information about the laws and rules governing this program or for a list of frequently asked questions please contact the **Washington State Department of Revenue** at 360-570-5867.

Or visit http://dor.wa.gov/docs/pubs/prop_tax/seniorexempt.pdf



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