



SeniorLAW Center

Protecting The Rights of Older Pennsylvanians

**SeniorLAW Center is pleased to introduce a new program addressing the legal needs of senior taxpayers in Philadelphia:**

## **Property and Inheritance Tax Aid for Elders**



**Are you behind on your property taxes?**

**Have you gotten letters stating that if you don't pay, your home will be sold at a sheriff's sale?**

**Is the deed to your home in someone else's name, or do you have questions about your deed?**

**Are you confused about the complex probate and inheritance tax system?**

**We provide free legal advice, representation, and education to seniors facing real estate tax foreclosure, tangled title issues, and inheritance tax issues affecting homeownership.**

**For more information or to schedule an outreach program at your venue, please contact:**

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# Understanding the Senior Citizen Tax Freeze



- The Senior Citizen Tax Freeze program enables eligible senior citizens to prevent increases in their real estate taxes, whether from changes in assessments or tax rates.
- Applications for the Senior Citizen Tax Freeze are due **October 15, 2013**.
- To qualify:
  - You or your spouse must be 65 or older, or you must be over 50 and your deceased spouse was at least 65 at the time of death.
  - Your total income must be \$23,500 or less for a single person, or \$31,500 or less for a married couple.
- The application can be found at [www.phila.gov/revenue](http://www.phila.gov/revenue), by going to the Office of Property Assessment at the **Municipal Services Building, 1401 JFK Boulevard, Concourse Level, Philadelphia PA 19102**, or by calling **215-686-6442** or **215-686-6600**.
  - You must send a copy of proof of age with your application, such as: social security award letter, driver's license, or birth certificate.
  - You are not required to send documentation for proof of income with your application, but the Philadelphia Department of Revenue may request it. The Department of Revenue is also authorized to verify your income with the Internal Revenue Service and the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue.
  - You only have to enroll in the program once! Once you participate in the program, you are automatically enrolled every year.
- If you have any questions, please contact SeniorLAW Center Helpline at 215-988-1242.