

## PRESS RELEASE

### **Elderly & Totally Disabled Homeowners Have Until May 15<sup>th</sup> to File An Application for Tax Relief**

Wallingford Assessor, Shelby P. Jackson III, has issued a reminder notice to all elderly and disabled homeowners that February 1, 2017 through May 15, 2017 is the time period for filing an application for tax relief.

New applicants or their spouses must have been 65 years of age or over before December 31, 2016, or be totally disabled (proof required), own the dwelling for which the tax credit is claimed, be a permanent resident of that dwelling and have income of \$42,900 or less for married and \$35,200 or less for single claimants. Income is based upon the 2016 calendar year. In order to complete an application, proof of all income received during 2016 must be presented to the Assessor's office. Such proof must consist of a copy of one's 2016 Federal Income Tax Return, if filed, and Social Security Benefit Statement SSA-1099. If a Federal Income Tax Return is not filed, proof of income from all other sources including, but not limited to wages, bonuses, commissions, fees, lottery winnings, annuities, pensions, dividends and net rental income along with the Social Security Benefit Statement SSA-1099 must be provided. Joint income for both husband and wife must be reported. Taxpayers currently on the program, who are due to refile, will be notified by mail.

The Wallingford Assessor's office also offers a Tax Deferral Program. To qualify for the Tax Deferral Program, the applicant must be on the Elderly Homeowners program as described above.

Applications are also available for additional veteran's exemptions. To qualify, the veteran must meet income guidelines of \$42,900 for married and \$35,200 for single claimants. If an applicant has received a 100% disability rating from the Veterans' Administration the income limits are \$21,000 for married and \$18,000 for single claimants. The Town of Wallingford also offers a local option veteran's exemption. Income guidelines for this program are \$57,900 for married and \$50,200 for single claimants. Proof of income is required as above.

#### **Tax Relief Program**

#### **Filing Period**

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Elderly or Totally Disabled Homeowners	February 1 through May 15
Tax Deferral Program	February 1 through May 15
Additional Veterans program	February 1 through October 1

Questions should be directed to the Assessor's office (203) 294-2001.