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ARE YOU OVERPAYING ON PROPERTY TAXES?



APPLICATION ON assessor.lacounty.gov

IS YOUR HOME YOUR PRIMARY RESIDENCE?

YOU QUALIFY TO SAVE \$70 OFF YOUR PROPERTY TAX BILL ANNUALLY



ave you ever wondered what the County Assessor does? Probably not, as most people don't. However, if you want to lower your property tax bill, you should learn as much as you can about the Assessor.

The Assessor does not just determine the fair and accurate value of your property, but provides savings programs, resources, and information to help homeowners, veterans, seniors, disaster victims, and others save on property taxes.

The Homeowners' Exemption is a program for which almost everyone qualifies, yet still as many as one in three eligible homeowners do not apply. This leaves \$30 million in tax savings unclaimed across Los Angeles County each year.

The only requirement for the Homeowners' Exemption is that you own the home and that it is your primary residence. Apply today for an instant \$70 savings each year.



GET TO KNOW YOUR COUNTY ASSESSOR

Assessor Jeffrey Prang is your elected representative in the property tax system. The Office of the Assessor's 1,400 dedicated specialists are here to serve, help, and educate. They regularly hold resource seminars for homeowners, businesses, and real estate professionals.

Contact the Assessor Today! WEBSITE:

assessor.lacounty.gov

EMAIL:

helpdesk@assessor.lacounty.gov

PHONE:

213/974-3211 or 888/807-2111



ASSESSOR'S TAX SAVING PROGRAMS



HOMEOWNERS' EXEMPTION

A property that is owned and serves as the primary residence for a homeowner as of January 1st may be eligible for a Homeowner Exemption. This exemption reduces a property's taxable value by \$7,000 and can produce \$70 in savings on annual property tax bills. This form only needs to be submitted once. To find out whether you already claim this exemption, visit the new Assessor Portal at assessor.lacounty.gov and enter your street address.



DISASTER RELIEF

Properties that are damaged by wildfires, flooding, earthquakes, or other disasters may qualify for a temporary reduction in the taxable value, thereby lowering the annual property tax bills. Affected property owners may also be eligible for payment deferment. Damage to the property must be at least \$10,000 in current market value, and claim forms must be received within one year of the date of the disaster.



DECLINE-IN-VALUE

Pursuant to Prop. 8, a Decline-in-Value allows for a temporary reduction in a property's assessed value. This occurs when a property's current market value is lower than the assessed base-year value as of January 1st.



PARENT-TO-CHILD & GRANDPARENT-TO-GRANDCHILD EXCLUSION

Parents and children may transfer a principal residence to one another (or up to \$1 million of other real property) without reassessment. Grandparents may transfer a principal residence to grandchildren (or up to \$1 million of other real property) without reassessment in circumstances where the grandchildren's parents are deceased as of the transfer date.



SENIOR CITIZEN'S REPLACEMENT DWELLING

Seniors (age 55 and up) may qualify to transfer the taxable value of an existing residence to a replacement residence in a participating county if the market value of the replacement residence is less than, or equal to, the market value of the existing residence.



DISABLED RESIDENT EXCLUSION

Severely and permanently disabled homeowners may qualify to transfer the taxable value of an existing residence to a replacement residence in a participating county if the market value of the replacement is less than, or equal to, the market value of the existing residence.



SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM

The initial purchaser of a building with an active solar energy system may qualify for an exclusion from assessment on the portion of the value attributable to the system. When adding a solar energy system to a home, the new system is automatically excluded from assessment.



VETERANS' EXEMPTION

Unmarried veterans with assets less than \$5,000, married veterans with assets less than \$10,000, and unmarried surviving spouses of veterans may apply for this \$4,000 exemption. The exemption is applied to the assessed property value and reduces a property's annual tax bill.



DISABLED VETERANS' EXEMPTION

Disabled veterans may be eligible for an exemption under certain conditions: when blind in both eyes; with the loss of the use of 2 or more limbs; or when totally disabled as a result of injury or disease incurred while in active military service. Unmarried surviving spouses of certain deceased veterans may also qualify.



For additional information or to obtain application forms, visit *assessor.lacounty.gov*, email *helpdesk@assessor.lacounty.gov*, or call 213/974-3211 or 888/807-2111.