

May 28, 2010

Dear Tax Collector:

The deadline for senior and disabled residents to file their 2009 property tax reimbursement (Senior Freeze) applications has been extended from June 1, 2010, to August 2, 2010.

As you know, the Governor's proposed State Budget for Fiscal Year 2011 contains modifications to the Senior Freeze Program. Under the proposal, only those applicants who received a reimbursement for tax year 2008, and whose income for 2009 did not exceed last year's income limit of \$70,000, would be eligible to receive a reimbursement for 2009 provided they met all the other program requirements. The proposal also provides that, for eligible applicants, the reimbursement amount for tax year 2009 cannot exceed the reimbursement amount that was approved for payment for 2008.

The Division of Taxation will continue to accept 2009 reimbursement applications. However, if enacted, the proposed changes to the State Budget would limit 2009 reimbursements to those who filed a 2008 application that was approved for a reimbursement, and whose 2009 income was \$70,000 or less.

Reimbursement checks for eligible senior and disabled residents who file their applications by the original June 1 filing deadline are scheduled to be mailed in mid-July. Because of the time needed to process the Senior Freeze applications, eligible applicants who file their 2009 applications after June 1 may not receive their checks in the initial July mailing. Checks for applicants who file between June 1st and August 2nd will be issued as quickly as possible.

As always, if you have questions, please call us at 609-633-8433 or send an e-mail inquiry to us at nj.propertytaxrelief@treas.state.nj.us. This telephone number and e-mail address are for your exclusive use. Please do not give them to members of the public. Please refer members of the public to the following:

Property Tax Reimbursement (Senior Freeze):

--To ask questions: 1-800-882-6597

--To listen to information or to order an application: 1-800-323-4400

--Online information: www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/2009ptr_seniorfreeze.shtml

Text Telephone Service (TTY/TDD) for Hard-of-Hearing Users: 1-800-286-6613 or 609-984-7300

Taxation e-mail address for general tax questions: nj.taxation@treas.state.nj.us

Agents are available during normal business hours from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, to answer questions or to assist senior and disabled residents in filing their applications.

Sincerely,

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