

NOTICE OF PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

A property tax exemption is available to senior citizens, qualifying disabled veterans, the surviving spouses of Gold Star Veterans and the surviving spouses of senior citizens or disabled veterans who were previously granted the exemption. For those who qualify, 50 percent of the first \$200,000 in actual value of their primary residence is exempted. The state pays the exempted portion of the property tax. Once approved, the exemption remains in effect for future years, and the applicant need not reapply. The General Assembly may eliminate the funding for the Senior Citizen Exemption or Disabled Veteran Exemption at their discretion in any year that the budget does not allow for the reimbursement.

Application requirements are as follows:

SENIOR CITIZEN EXEMPTION

The exemption is available to applicants who: a) are at least 65 years of age as of January 1 of the year of application, b) owned their home for at least 10 consecutive years as of January 1, and c) occupy it as their primary residence and have done so for at least 10 consecutive years as of January 1. Limited exceptions to the ownership and occupancy requirements are detailed in the qualifications section of the application. The exemption is also available to surviving spouses of senior citizens who previously met the requirements. The application deadline **is July 15**. The application form is available from the county assessor of the county in which the property is located, at the following address: PROWERS COUNTY ASSESSOR, 301 S. Main St., Suite 205, Lamar, CO 81052.

DISABLED VETERAN EXEMPTION

The exemption is available to applicants who: a) sustained a service-connected disability while serving on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States, b) were honorably discharged, and c) were rated by the federal Department of Veterans Affairs as one hundred percent permanent disability through disability retirement benefits. Disabilities rated at less than one hundred percent and VA unemployability awards do not meet the requirement. The applicant must have owned and occupied the home as his or her primary residence since January 1 of the year of application; however, limited exceptions to the ownership and occupancy requirements are detailed in the eligibility requirements section of the application. The application deadline **is July 1**.

DISABLED VETERAN SURVIVING SPOUSE EXEMPTION

The exemption is available to surviving spouses of disabled veterans who had the disabled veteran exemption and who passed away prior to January 1 of the current year. The property must be owner occupied and used as the primary residence of an owner-occupier who is the surviving spouse of a qualifying disabled veteran. The application deadline **is July 1**.

GOLD STAR SPOUSES

This exemption is available to surviving spouses of "Gold Star" Veterans. The property must be owner occupied as of January 1 in the year of the application and used as the primary residence of an owner-occupier who is the surviving spouse of a qualifying Gold Star Veteran. The application deadline **is July 1**. In early January 2024, the application form is available from the county assessor of the county in which the property is located, at the following address: PROWERS COUNTY ASSESSOR, 301 S. Main St., Suite 205, Lamar, CO 81052.

NOTICE

Unless you receive further notification by May 1, 2024,
the valuation of your property will remain the same value as it was in 2023.

REAL PROPERTY APPEAL PROCEDURES:

To preserve your right to appeal the 2024 assessment, you may appeal beginning May 1, 2024. You must appear in the Prowers County Assessors' Office or mail your appeal no later than June 8, 2024.

After this date, your right to appeal to the Assessor is waived and lost.
If you have further questions, please contact the Prowers County Assessors' Office at (719) 336-8000, and we will gladly assist you in any possible way we can.

In compliance with Section 39-5-121(1)(a)(I), C.R.S.: The 2024 assessment rate for residential property has not yet been set by the State Legislature.

*Please Note: This notice is sent to you in compliance with Paragraph 8 (c), Section 20, and Article X of the Colorado Constitution.

Including this notice with your tax bill saves the taxpayers approximately \$5,000.00.

PLEASE MAKES CHECKS PAYABLE TO: PROWERS COUNTY TREASURER