

Homestead Tax Exemption



The Homestead exemption is open to any Ohio homeowner who currently lives in their home, and that home is their primary residence, and who:

- ❖ Is at least 65 years old or will reach age 65 during the current tax year; **or**
- ❖ Is certified totally and permanently disabled as of January 1 of the current tax year, regardless of age, proof of disability is required, (contact the Lorain County Auditor's Office for further information); **or**
- ❖ Is the surviving spouse of a qualified homeowner, who was **receiving** the homestead exemption, and who was at least 59 years old on the date of their spouse's death?

NOTE: Homeowners who currently receive the Homestead Exemption will automatically qualify for the expanded exemption and do not have to reapply.

Applications must be received by the first Monday in June of 2009 to be eligible for the 2008 tax year.

The application form is available at the county auditor's office, or online at www.loraincounty.com/auditor.

Attention Seniors!

Feel free to visit the Lorain County Auditor's tent at the Lorain County Fair to apply for the Homestead Tax Reduction. Remember to bring proof of identification, such as your driver's license.



Filing A Tax Release

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All county auditors are appointed as agents of the Tax Commissioner of the State of Ohio for the purpose of issuing consent to transfer funds.

The purpose of a Tax Waiver is to release a deceased persons name from a bank account or release an annuity or an insurance policy to the beneficiary of an estate.

You must submit a complete application to the county auditor in the county of the decedent's residency. The county auditor's office will verify the information and return a copy to the applicant providing each account is over \$25,000. One copy is kept on file at the Auditor's Office and one is sent to the Ohio Department of Taxation in Columbus.

Betty Pribanic, Deputy Clerk

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Weights And Measures

Division of Consumer Protection



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John Hart, James Marsiglia and Bret Schuster
Inspectors



The Lorain County Auditor's Office, Division of Weights and Measures strives to insure the accuracy of all scales, as well as, price verifications in all our markets and grocery stores, large and small. These tests are conducted on an annual basis for the scales used in the meat and produce departments. Price verifications are done on a quarterly basis in all our grocery stores and markets. Also, included in these price verifications, are department, sporting goods and pet stores in Lorain County.

Upon completion and passage of the scale and price verification testing, approval seals from the Lorain County Auditor's Office are placed on the devices. Consumers and retailers may be assured that Lorain County Weights and Measures Inspectors Bret Schuster (Supervisor), John Hart, James Marsiglia and Jason Kelleher have conducted these test for compliances and approval under Ohio Weights and Measures Law.

Today we are congratulating the Village Market located at 816 N. Main St. in Wellington. The manager of this store is Ms. Barbara O'Keefe. The Weights and Measures inspectors recognize the outstanding work done by the staff and management of Village Market.

Public Information Officer



Annie Carstarphen
Public Information Officer

There are several services provided through the Auditor's office to assist in alleviating the burden of real estate taxes. The Auditor's Public Information Officer, Annie Carstarphen would like to visit your business, church or organization to inform Lorain County homeowners on the 2.5 % tax reduction for homeowners and the Homestead tax reduction for seniors 65 and over and persons totally disabled who may qualify.

Annie Carstarphen is available weekdays and weekends. To schedule an event and have Annie speak to your organization and/or provide informative literature with a complete video and booth display about your Lorain County Auditor's Office, please call Annie at (440) 329-5243. Here are some upcoming events where you may see the Auditor's Public Information Officer participating in.

Upcoming Events

August 16 th	10 am-1 pm	Worship Cathedral/Health Fest
September 28 th	2pm-6pm	Lake Erie Landlord Association-Vendor's Trade Show
October 4 th	12pm-5pm	Avon lake Towne Center
October 18 th	10am-6pm	LCCC-Family Fun Fest