

# ...Elderly or Disabled Real Estate Tax Relief

The Commissioner of the Revenue office administers the Real Estate Tax Relief for the Elderly or Disabled Homeowners program in accordance with §20-18, of the Code of Franklin County, as Amended. The program helps relieve the real estate tax burden for qualified property owners.

To be eligible, property owners must meet the following requirements:

1. The owner or their spouse must be:
  - Age 65 or older on January 1; **or**,
  - Permanently and totally disabled (no age requirement) on January 1;
2. Total household income cannot exceed \$25,000;
3. Combined net worth of the owner or their spouse cannot exceed \$80,000 (excluding the value of the dwelling and up to 5 acres of land). Net worth includes, but is not limited to, additional land, year-end savings and checking account balances, vehicle value, etc.

If a property owner qualifies, the relief received will never be re-paid to the county by the property owner or their family should the property be sold, or the property owner passes away.

**Qualified property owners must apply annually, no later than May 1<sup>st</sup>, to receive the benefit.** Please call the Commissioner of the Revenue office at (540) 483-3083, option 2 to discuss eligibility, or schedule an appointment to apply.