

Summary of Property Tax Relief Programs

Mecklenburg County and the City of Charlotte Offer Property Tax Relief for Homeowners

Mecklenburg County and the City of Charlotte are offering tax relief programs to qualifying homeowners who may need assistance paying their 2019 property tax bills.

Although the tax rate won't be set until June and tax bills won't be sent until July, both the County and the City are encouraging homeowners to review the programs and requirements now to see if they qualify.

County programs are as follows. Qualifying homeowners must apply by **June 1**.

Elderly or Disabled Property Tax Homestead Exclusions

North Carolina allows elderly or disabled homestead exclusions for qualifying individuals. If you qualify, you may receive an exclusion of either \$25,000 or 50 percent of the taxable value of your residence (whichever is greater).

Requirements:

- Must be a North Carolina resident.
- Must be at least 65 or totally and permanently disabled.
- Income for the prior calendar year (2018) meets the income eligibility limit of \$30,200.
- Applicant's name must be on the deed or title to the residence as of Jan. 1.
- The homeowner can only apply for an exclusion for their primary residence.

Property Tax Deferral for the Elderly or Totally and Permanently Disabled ("Circuit Breaker")

This program is available instead of the Homestead Exclusion for elderly or disabled homeowners whose income does not exceed 150 percent (\$45,300) of the income eligibility limit of \$30,200 for the prior calendar year (2018).

Requirements:

- Must meet the Homestead Exclusion requirements for age or disability.
- Must have owned or occupied the property as a permanent residence for at least five years.
- Must be a North Carolina resident.

Disabled Veterans Homestead Exclusions

North Carolina excludes the first \$45,000 of assessed value from property taxes for specific real property occupied as a permanent residence by a qualifying owner.

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Requirements:

- As of Jan. 1, you must be an honorably discharged veteran, or the unmarried surviving spouse, who has a 100 percent total and permanent disability that is service connected.
- You must have certification from the US Department of Veterans Affairs, or another federal agency, of the permanent total disability that is service-connected.
- There is no age or income requirement.

Detailed information on each program is available [here](#).

To get an application for any of these programs, contact the Mecklenburg County Assessor's Office at 980-314-4226, email RPemail@MeckNC.gov or visit MeckNC.gov/AssessorOffice. You can also visit the Assessor's Office in person at 3205 Freedom Drive, Suite 3500, Charlotte.

City of Charlotte Aging in Place Pilot Program

The City of Charlotte has a new tax relief pilot program called Aging in Place. It aims to assist elderly homeowners remain in their homes despite potentially rising tax bills. The City will pay grants directly to the Office of the Tax Collector to be applied to qualifying homeowners' 2019 property tax bills to offset an increase from their 2018 bill (grants are based on the percentage increase of their bill for 2019 from 2018). The qualifications are as follows:

- 65 years old or turning 65 by the end of 2019
- Live within Charlotte city limits
- Own their home, listed on the deed and have lived in the home for at least five years
- Annual household income exceeds limits for statutory tax relief (\$30,200), but is below 80 percent of the median income rate for household size

The City is encouraging residents who believe they qualify to submit a preapplication inquiry form. This can be done four ways:

1. Online – www.CharlotteNC.gov/Housing
2. Over the Phone – 704-336-3322
3. By email – hnsinfo@CharlotteNC.gov
4. By mail - Housing & Neighborhood Services
Attn: Cherie Grant
600 East Trade Street
Charlotte, NC 28202