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MEMORANDUM

To: County Assessors

From: Doug Huffman, Revenue Administrative Officer III

Local Government Division

Date: June 30, 2024

Subject: Income Eligibility Limit – 2025 Property Tax Relief Programs

On or before July 1 of each year, the North Carolina Department of Revenue is required to determine the income eligibility amount to be in effect for the Elderly or Disabled Property Tax Homestead Exclusion for the taxable year beginning the following July 1. This income eligibility limit is also used to determine the limitations in the Property Tax Homestead Circuit Breaker. County tax offices need this information to update their annual abstracts with the new income eligibility limits.

Under G.S. 105-277.1(a2), for taxable years beginning on or after July 1, 2008, the income eligibility limit for the Elderly or Disabled Property Tax Homestead Exclusion is twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000). For taxable years beginning on or after July 1, 2009, the income eligibility limit is the amount for the preceding year, adjusted by the same percentage of this amount as the percentage of any cost-of-living adjustment made to the benefits under Titles II and XVI of the Social Security Act for the preceding calendar year, rounded to the nearest one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

We have adopted the latest cost-of-living adjustment (COLA), which has been calculated by the Social Security Administration to be 3.2%.

Based on the COLA, the income eligibility limits for 2025 are as follows:

Elderly or Disabled Property Tax Homestead Exclusion: \$37,900

Property Tax Homestead Circuit Breaker: \$56,850

For additional information on calculating the COLA, please visit the Social Security Administration's website at: https://www.ssa.gov/oact/cola/latestCOLA.html.

The 2025 Form AV-9 Application for Property Tax Relief, which is web fillable, is now available on our website at: https://www.ncdor.gov/av-9-2024-application-property-tax-relief.

If you have any questions, please contact our office at 919-814-1129.