



**ELDERLY AND
TOTALLY DISABLED
HOMEOWNER BENEFITS**

**APPLY FOR BENEFITS BEFORE
MAY 14, 2010 FOR
JULY 1, 2010 TAX BILL**

***BRANFORD TAX CREDIT PROGRAM
FOR QUALIFIED ELDERLY AND DISABLED CITIZENS***

The town recently amended the *Tax Credit for Qualified Elderly and Disabled Citizens* ordinance to allow a credit of \$300.00 (subject to change based on cap) to be directly deducted from your tax bill. The credit will appear on your July 1, 2010 tax bill.

To qualify:

- The applicant or applicants must be on the State of Connecticut Elderly and Totally Disabled Tax Program.
- The applicant or applicants must own their own home.
- The applicant or applicants must meet the following income guidelines:
 - Individuals must have an annual income of less than \$32,300.
 - Married couples must have an annual income of less than \$39,500.
- The application must be received no later than May 14, 2010.

For questions concerning this program please contact the Assessor's Office at 488-2039.

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT ELDERLY AND
TOTALLY DISABLED HOMEOWNER PROGRAM
QUALIFYING INCOME**

The following tables show the levels for qualifying income for the Elderly and Totally Disabled Tax Relief Program application to be filed in the year **2010** using your **2009 Income**. Income levels are adjusted by the state yearly.

Homeowners
Filing period February 1 – May 14, 2010

2009 Qualifying Income		State Tax Credit %		Tax Credit Maximum		Tax Credit Minimum	
Over	To	Married	Unmarried	Married	Unmarried	Married	Unmarried
\$-0	\$16,100	50%	40%	\$1,250	\$1,000	\$400	\$350
16,100	21,700	40	30	1,000	750	350	250
21,700	27,100	30	20	750	500	250	150
27,100	32,300	20	10	500	250	150	150
32,300	39,500	10	-0-	250	-0-	150	-0-

Medicare Premiums, effective January 1, 2009, are \$96.40 per month per individual. Annual Medicare premiums for the 2009-year therefore, are \$1,156.80 for a single applicant and \$2,313.60 for married applicants. **WE WILL CONTINUE TO REQUIRE A FORM SSA1099, OR IT'S EQUIVALENT FOR EACH HOMEOWNER AND RENTER APPLICANT.**

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ORDINANCE CREATING A TAX CREDIT FOR CERTAIN ELDERLY AND DISABLED CITIZENS

BE IT ORDAINED THAT Part II, General Legislation. Chapter 220. Taxation is hereby amended by adding a new Article VIII, Section 220-29, as follows:

**ARTICLE VIII
Tax Credit for Qualified Elderly and Disabled Citizens**

Section 220-29 Eligibility for and Amount of Tax Credit

Any person who is liable for taxes assessed on real property located in the Town of Branford, which property is occupied by such person as his or her personal residence, whether such person is owner of the real property or is liable for taxes therein under provisions of Connecticut General Statutes Section 12-48, as amended, as a tenant for life or for a term of years, and who shall be determined eligible for the Elderly and Totally Disabled Tax Relief Program (Connecticut General Statutes 12-129b thru 12-19d and 12-170aa) as administered by the State of Connecticut, shall be entitled to Tax Relief as authorized by Section 12-129n of the Connecticut General Statutes in the form the a Tax Credit. The amount of the tax credit afforded under this article shall not exceed \$300 per eligible applicant and shall apply only to owner-occupied residential dwellings or portion thereof occupied and to residential dwelling site lots on which and eligible dwelling is situated. The total of all credits granted under provisions of this article shall not exceed \$134,000 for the 2007-2008 year and for future years shall not exceed 0.20 percent of the total amount of taxes collected against the most recent grand list year for which audit figures are available. The amount of tax collection receipts multiplied by 0.20 percent shall constitute a spending cap, which shall not be exceeded. If the sum of all credits exceeds such spending cap, then the credits shall be prorated among all eligible claimants in this program. This article shall become effective and apply commencing with taxes due on the Grand List of October 1, 2006.

Purpose: To provide property tax relief to our senior citizens and persons with disabilities most in need of assistance.