# **BOROUGH OF STANHOPE – 2018 UPDATE**

There are several types of Property Tax relief available to New Jersey residents, and due to some recent changes in income limits, you may now qualify for the property tax reimbursement. Following is a summary of the types of relief available:

# STATE ADMINISTERED PROGRAMS

### PROPERTY TAX REIMBURSEMENT/"SENIOR FREEZE"/ "BLUE BOOK" Due Date: 10/31/18

This program reimburses eligible senior citizens and disabled persons for property tax increases. A base year is established, and future increases are reimbursed as long as eligibility requirements are met. A first time applicant must:

- Be age 65 or older as of 12/31/16 or received Federal Social Security disability payments in 2016 and 2017; and
- Have lived in NJ continuously since 12/31/06, as either a homeowner or a renter; and
- Have owned and lived in the home for which the reimbursement is being claimed since 12/31/13; and
- Have paid the full amount of property tax due for the base year (2016) and the year for which the reimbursement is being claimed (2017); and

٠	Have total annual income		Single or Married
	for these years:	2016	\$ 87,007 or less <i>and</i>
	-	2017	\$ 87,268 or less

# **SENIOR FREEZE:**

- To obtain an application, ask questions or check on the status of an application, call the hotline at 1-800-882-6597 Mon-Fri from 8:30 to 4:30 pm, except State holidays.
- Online information: <u>www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/ptr/index.shtml</u>
- In person assistance at Taxation Regional Information Centers (8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Mon-Fri, except state holidays): <u>http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/organization/ts-regional.shtml</u>

Text Telephone Service (TTY/TDD) for Hearing Impaired Users: 800-286-6613 or 609-984-7300 Taxation email address for Senior Freeze and general tax questions: <u>nj.taxation@treas.nj.gov</u>

#### HOMESTEAD REBATE

Most homeowners file their applications either online or by phone. Both filing systems are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week during the filing period. Online or Phone at 1-877-658-2972

# <u>MUNICIPALLY ADMINISTERED PROGRAMS</u> (See Tax Collector or Tax Assessor for Application)

# VETERANS'S DEDUCTION - \$250 TAX CREDIT EACH YEAR

For Veterans and Unmarried Surviving Spouses.

#### SENIOR CITIZEN'S DEDUCTION - \$250 TAX CREDIT EACH YEAR

To qualify, you must have been 65 or older or disabled at the end of the prior year, and meet certain income requirements (Income other than Social Security and other Federal programs must not exceed \$10,000.)

For further information or an application for these municipally sponsored programs, you can call Dana Mooney, Tax Collector at (973) 347-0159 Ext. 13 or email dmooney@stanhopenj.gov.