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**KNOX COUNTY TAX FREEZE**  
**2009 APPLICATION “QUICK TIPS”**

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**DEAR TAXPAYER:**

THE KNOX COUNTY TRUSTEE’S OFFICE IS NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2009 SENIOR TAX FREEZE PROGRAM. IN ORDER TO EXPEDITE THE PROCESS PLEASE USE THE FOLLOWING “QUICK TIPS” LISTED BELOW:

- THE INCOME LIMIT THIS YEAR IS **\$34,070**.
- \*\*\*\*IMPORTANT CHANGES TO THE SENIOR TAX FREEZE PROGRAM EFFECTIVE 2009. IF A MARRIED COUPLE FILED A JOINT INCOME TAX RETURN FOR 2008 WE MUST COUNT BOTH INCOMES. PREVIOUSLY IF ONLY ONE NAME WAS LISTED ON THE DEED, WE WOULD ONLY COUNT THAT PERSON’S INCOME. IF YOU ARE A MARRIED APPLICANT WHOSE NAME IS THE ONLY NAME LISTED ON THE DEED, WE WILL NOW HAVE TO COUNT YOUR SPOUSE’S INCOME IF YOU FILED A JOINT INCOME TAX RETURN IN 2008.\*\*\*\*
- FILL OUT THE ATTACHED APPLICATION FOR ALL OWNER’S, SPOUSE IF A JOINT INCOME TAX RETURN IS FILED, LISTED ON THE PROPERTY IN 2008.
- IF THE PROPERTY IS A MOBILE HOME PLEASE PROVIDE A COPY OF THE TITLE OR BILL OF SALE.
- IF THE APPLICATION IS SIGNED BY YOUR POWER OF ATTORNEY, PLEASE INCLUDE A COPY OF THE POWER OF ATTORNEY PAPERS.

**PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF YOUR 2008 INCOME INFORMATION.**

- IF YOU FILED A 2008 INCOME TAX RETURN WE **MUST** HAVE A COPY OF THE RETURN ALONG WITH A COPY OF YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY INCOME (1099 FROM SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION OR BANK STATEMENT SHOWING DIRECT DEPOSIT OF SOCIAL SECURITY INCOME OR BENEFIT STATEMENT FROM SSA).
- IF YOU **DID NOT** FILE A 2008 INCOME TAX RETURN AND WERE NOT REQUIRED BY LAW TO FILE PLEASE SIGN THE ENCLOSED AFFIDAVIT AND PROVIDE COPIES OF **ALL INCOME** FROM **ALL SOURCES** FOR **ALL OWNERS/SPOUSE**.

**PLEASE FILL OUT THE FORM AND EITHER MAIL IT IN OR RETURN IT TO ONE OF OUR OFFICE’S NO LATER THAN APRIL 5, 2010.**

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT STEPHANIE BOWMAN AT 865-215-2197 OR BY EMAIL AT [stephanie.bowman@knoxcounty.org](mailto:stephanie.bowman@knoxcounty.org).