

## Homestead or “SAFE SENIOR”

**PLEASE NOTE: IF YOU WILL BE FILING A FEDERAL OR STATE INCOME TAX RETURN FOR 2020 YOUR TAX PREPARER MUST ALSO FILE YOUR HOMESTEAD.**

The Homestead Refund is a rebate program for the property taxes paid by homeowners. The refund is based on a portion of the property tax paid on a Kansas resident's homestead. If you own your home, the refund is a percentage of your general property tax. The maximum refund is \$700. To qualify for Safe Senior, be a resident all 2020 in Kansas, you are eligible for a refund of 75% of your property taxes if your total household income including social security is \$20,700 or less and you are 65 years old or older, and don't have any delinquent taxes.

### **HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX REFUND:**

As a Kansas resident for all of 2020 who **owned and occupied** a homestead, you are eligible for a refund of up to \$700 if your total “**household** income” is \$36,300 or less, **AND** you:

- ✓ You were born before January 1, 1964; **OR**
- ✓ You must have been totally and permanently disabled or blind the entire year of 2020, regardless of your age; **OR**
- ✓ You must have a dependent child who lived with you the entire year who was born before January 1, 2020 and was under the age of 18 all of 2020. **OR**
- ✓ Are a disabled veteran (50% or more disability), or the surviving spouse of a disabled veteran who has not remarried, or the surviving spouse of an active duty military personnel who died in the line of duty and no remarried.

### **“SAFE SENIOR” PROPERTY TAX REFUND:**

As a Kansas resident for all of 2020 who **owned and occupied** a homestead, you are eligible for a refund of 75% of your property taxes paid if your total “**household** income”, including social security, is \$20,700 or less, **AND** you:

- ✓ Were 65 years or older all of 2020; **AND**
- ✓ Did not have any delinquent property taxes in 2020
- ✓ House cannot be valued at more than \$350,000

### **WHAT DO I NEED TO FILE?**

- ✓ Refund amount from your 2019 claim.
- ✓ Banking information if you would like to have your refund directly deposited into your bank account.
- ✓ All information regarding any **HOUSEHOLD INCOME** (that is, for every person who lived in the home even if they file separate taxes.)

*Some examples are:*

- Taxable and nontaxable wages, salaries, self-employment, unemployment compensation
- Interest and dividends
- Earned income credit from 2019
- Social Security, SSI benefits, retirement, pension, disability payments
- Alimony, child support, foster home care payments
- Jury duty payments, gambling winnings
- Welfare, food stamps, TAF, general assistance

### **If you qualify under the disability provision you will need to know:**

- ✓ The date (**day, month and year**) in which you first became eligible for disability. You may obtain this information from the Social Security office.
- ✓ All household members' personal information, including name, date of birth, and social security number.

Note: You may claim either a Safe Senior Property Tax refund or a Homestead refund (**not both**).

If you need help filing your Homestead:

Our hours for Homestead are Tuesday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., by appointment.

When to file January 12 through April 15

For more information, please call the County Clerk's Office 785-457-3314

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