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## Real Estate Tax Relief for Seniors and 100% Disabled Veterans Available through County Auditor

**Lancaster, Ohio** – Homeowners aged 65 and older or those who are permanently and totally disabled may qualify for Ohio's Homestead Exemption for property tax relief.

That relief is improved due to legislation passed in 2023. The Homestead income threshold and exemption amounts now adjust with inflation annually.

County Auditor Carri Brown, stated, "The Homestead Exemption program is an important program for Ohio. I am encouraged for how the state legislators have expanded the income threshold and exempted amount. They are supporting relief for seniors and disabled Veterans with their actions to improve the program."

The new income threshold will adjust to \$40,000 for 2025, up from \$38,600 in 2024.

The exemption amount, which reduces the amount of the value of the property that is taxed, will increase to \$28,000 in 2025, up from \$26,200 in 2024.

Those currently on the program will automatically see the increased exemption amount.

Disabled veterans with a 100% disability rating and their surviving spouses qualify for an enhanced exemption. This amount also adjusts annually for inflation. The enhanced exemption value will increase from \$52,300 in 2024 to \$56,000 in 2025.

These amounts above apply to tax year 2024 (collected in calendar year 2025) for real property and to tax year 2025 (collected in calendar year 2025) for manufactured or mobile homes.

For more information on the Homestead program, please reach out to the Fairfield County Auditor's office at (740) 652-7020.

Homestead application forms are available at: https://www.co.fairfield.oh.us/auditor/Ohio-Homestead-Exemption-Program.html

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