

**CHECKLIST FOR**  
**SENIOR CITIZEN AND DISABLED PERSONS**  
**DECLARATION TO DEFER**

Attached is a Senior Citizen Deferral application and informational brochure for **2017 property taxes and/or Special Assessments using 2016 income (may not exceed \$45,000)**. (Deferral of prior years taxes may be included, if you meet the qualifying criteria for this application.) The following numbered instructions match the numbers on the application.

**Documentation must be provided for all income and out-of-pocket expense deductions allowed for this program. Please see the attachment for documentation requirements. A copy of your deed or Mobile Home Title must also be included.**

- I. **Complete** all parts of this section. Be sure to include your property tax account number (it can be found on your property tax statement).
- II. **Complete** all parts of this section. All mortgages, liens, and obligations concerning this property must be included. See parts V and VIII. Documentation must be provided.
- III. **Complete** all parts of this section.
- IV. If this deferral is for a **Special Assessment**, please include all the required information and if you have a Special Assessment statement, **please enclose a copy**.
- V. If the property is mortgaged, the name and address of the mortgage company must be included. **If the mortgage company collects the taxes, the mortgage company signature must be on this claim.**
- VI. **All** income from **all** sources must be included in this section. There are **NO** deductions for losses of any kind, or depreciation. **Documentation is required for income and allowed deductions shown on the application. You must include a full copy of your 2014 tax return if you are required to file, together with the documents used to prepare the return.**
- VII. Insurance must be carried on this property and all information for your carrier must be included. The State of Washington Department of Revenue **must** be named as loss payee on your insurance policy. A copy of the policy **must** be provided to the Department of Revenue.
- VIII. All mortgages, liens, and obligations concerning this property must be included. **Please provide your year-end statements for any item listed.**
- IX. **Please READ & CHECK all boxes.** Your signature is required. The signature of all other owners of interest on the deed are required if applicable.

Return the application and required documentation to the Snohomish County Assessor's Office, Exemption Department in the envelope provided (3000 Rockefeller #510, Everett, WA 98201). If approved, it will be forwarded to the **Washington State Department of Revenue** for their approval and payment. Repayment to the State may be made at any time in any amount during your ownership. **When the property is sold or transferred, full payment to the State is required.** For any payoff amounts, please call **1-360-534-1426**. If you have any questions regarding this deferral application, please call the Exemption Department at (425) 388-3540.

# Deferral Application for Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons

Complete this application and file it with your local County Assessor at least **30 days prior to the date the taxes or special assessments are due**. For assistance in completing this form contact your County Assessor's Office by calling the number listed in the local government section of your telephone directory.

**1. This deferral application is for (check all that apply and list all tax years to be paid):**

Real Property Taxes due in the year(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Special Assessments due: \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ **Complete Part 4 on page 2.**  
Month and Day Year(s)

Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse or Domestic Partner: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Ph: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Ph: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Co-tenants (someone who lives with you AND has an ownership interest in your home):  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Other occupants: \_\_\_\_\_

Property Address, if different than mailing: \_\_\_\_\_  
Property City: \_\_\_\_\_ Property Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

County Parcel No: \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Please check the appropriate box. Proof of age or disability is required.**

I am or will be 60 years of age or older by December 31 of the tax current year.

I am under 60 years of age and I am retired from regular gainful employment due to a disability. Date of Disability: \_\_\_\_\_

I am the surviving spouse or domestic partner of a person who was previously receiving this deferral and I was at least 57 years of age in the \_\_\_\_\_ year my spouse/domestic partner passed away. Spouse or Domestic Partner Date of Death: \_\_\_\_\_

**Ownership and Residency:**

I own or am purchasing this residence. Date Purchased: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Occupied: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** Share ownership in cooperative housing, life estates, leases for life, and revocable trusts do not satisfy the ownership requirement for this program. If you and/or your spouse/domestic partner are temporarily confined to a hospital or nursing home, your home is still considered to be your principal residence.

**Mortgage Information:**

**Yes**  **No** I have a mortgage, purchase contract, or deed of trust. **If yes**, report your mortgage balance in Part 8 on page 4 **and** answer the question below.

**Yes**  **No** My mortgage company withholds a certain amount each month to pay my taxes. **If yes, see Part 5 on page 2.** Your lender must sign this application either before a Notary Public or before the assessor or his/her deputy. This ensures the first lien position of the mortgage lender.

This box to be completed by the Assessor's Office	True and Fair (Market) Value as of January 1 of the Application Year
Date approved by Assessor: _____	Land: \$ _____
Application number: _____	Building: \$ _____
<b>**Note:</b> If no insurance <b>OR</b> if state is not listed as "loss payee", use land value for Total Eligible Value and then stop at "Equity Value".	<b>Total:</b> \$ _____
<b>Total Eligible Value</b>	<b>Equity Calculation</b>
	\$ _____
<b>Total Liens and Obligations from Page 4:</b>	\$ _____
<b>Equity Value** = Total Eligible Value minus Total Liens and Obligations:</b>	\$ _____
<b>Deferral Limit = 80% of Equity Value:</b>	\$ _____

3. My residence is a  Single family dwelling  Multi-unit dwelling/condominium  Mobile home

Mobile Homes: Do you own the land the mobile home is located on:  Yes  No If "yes", has the title been eliminated?  Yes  No Date of title elimination if applicable: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of mobile home park if applicable: \_\_\_\_\_ Space No: \_\_\_\_\_

This property includes: (Check all that apply)

- My principal residence and up to one acre of land
- More than one acre of land
- More than one residence and/or additional improvements that are not normally part of a residence (i.e. commercial buildings or improvements)

My total parcel or lot size: \_\_\_\_\_ acres If local zoning and land use regulations require more than 1 (one) acre of land per residence in the area where you live you may be able to defer the property taxes for your entire parcel, up to 5 (five) acres.  
 If larger than one acre, what is the minimum parcel size required for each residence by local zoning or land use regulations: \_\_\_\_\_ acres

- Check only one box:
- I have attached the legal description for my residence and one (1) acre encompassing the residence (or up to five (5) acres if the excess acreage is required by local land use regulations). I understand that if I choose this option the value included in my equity calculation will only include the value for this portion of my property.
  - I have elected to allow you to file your lien on my entire parcel, even though the deferral of taxes or assessments may not cover the entire parcel. I understand that if I choose this option the value of my entire legal parcel can be included in the equity calculation.

4. For special assessment deferrals, the following information must be supplied:

	Assessment #1	Assessment #2
Jurisdiction to whom the special assessment is paid .....	_____	_____
Type of improvement or special assessment .....	_____	_____
LID, ULID or special assessment number .....	_____	_____
Annual due date(s) .....	_____	_____
Was the installment method selected for payment? .....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Available	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Available

5. To be completed by your lender if your monthly mortgage payment includes an amount to pay real property taxes. (See Mortgage Information under Part 2 on page 1.)

Lien Type:  Mortgage  Purchase Contract or  Deed of Trust

Name of mortgage company or holder of contract or deed: \_\_\_\_\_

Auditor's Recording No: \_\_\_\_\_

The lender must sign this application either before a Notary Public or before the assessor or his/her deputy.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Mortgage Company Representative, Contract Holder, etc. Title

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
(year)

Notary Public or Assessor or Deputy in and  
for the State of \_\_\_\_\_  
residing at \_\_\_\_\_

**Combined Disposable Income Worksheet**

As defined in RCW 84.36.383 (4) and (5) and WAC 458-16A-100 (6) and (12)

**IMPORTANT: PLEASE ANSWER ALL OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.**

**Income:**

- A.  Yes  No **Did you file a federal tax return?** If yes, enter your Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) from your federal tax return and attach a complete copy of your return. If no, enter 0.
- B.  Yes  No **Did you have capital gains that were not reported on your tax return?** Do not add the gain from the sale of a primary residence if you used the entire gain to purchase a replacement residence within the same year. Do not use losses to offset gains.
- C.  Yes  No **Did you have deductions for losses included in your tax return?** If yes, the losses must be added back to the extent they were used to offset/reduce income. (Ex: On Schedule D, you reported a (\$10,000) loss but the loss was limited to (\$3,000), shown on Line 13 of your 1040. Add the (\$3,000) loss used to offset/reduce your income.) (Ex: You filed two Sch C's – one with a (\$10,000) loss and one with a \$5,000 net income. A net loss of (\$5,000) was reported on your 1040, Line 12. Add back the (\$10,000) loss.)
- D.  Yes  No **Did you deduct depreciation expense in your tax return?** If yes, that expense must be added back to the extent the expense was used to reduce your income. (Ex: Net loss reported: If you deducted depreciation as a business and/or rental expense that resulted in a loss, recalculate the net income/loss without the depreciation expense. If there is still a net loss enter -0- here, if there is net income enter the net income here.)
- E.  Yes  No **Did you have nontaxable dividend or interest income, OR, income from these sources that was not reported on your tax return?** If yes, add that income here. Include non-taxable interest on state and municipal bonds.
- F.  Yes  No **Did you have nontaxable pension and annuity income, OR, income from these sources that was not reported on your tax return?** If yes, report the amounts here. (Ex: You received \$10,000 in pensions and annuities. The taxable amount was \$6,000. Report the nontaxable \$4,000 here.) Do not include non-taxable IRA distributions.
- G.  Yes  No **Did you receive military pay and benefits that were nontaxable, OR, income from these sources that was not reported on your tax return?** If yes, report that income here, including CRSC. Do not include attendant-care and medical-aid payments.
- H.  Yes  No **Did you receive veterans pay and benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs that was nontaxable, OR, that was not reported on your tax return?** If yes, report that income here. Do not include attendant-care and medical-aid payments, disability compensation, or dependency and indemnity compensation paid by DVA.
- I.  Yes  No **Did you receive nontaxable Social Security or Railroad Retirement Benefits?** If yes, report that income here. (Ex: Your gross Social Security benefit was \$10,000 and \$4,000 was included in AGI as the taxable amount, report the non-taxable \$6,000 here.)
- J.  Yes  No **Did you receive income from business, rental, or farming activities (IRS Schedules C, E, or F) that was not reported on your tax return?** Report that income here. You can deduct normal expenses, except depreciation expense, but do not use losses to offset income.
- K.  Yes  No **Did you receive Other Income that is not included in the amounts on Lines A - J?** Give source, type, and amount. \_\_\_\_\_

**Subtotal Income:**

**Did you have any of the following Allowable Deductions?**

- L.  Yes  No **Nursing Home, Boarding Home, or Adult Family Home costs.**
- M.  Yes  No **In-Home Care expenses.** See instructions for qualifying expenses.
- N.  Yes  No **Prescription Drug costs.**
- O.  Yes  No **Medicare Insurance Premiums under Title XVIII of the Social Security Act (Parts B, C, and D).** Currently, there is no allowable deduction for supplemental, long-term care, or other types of insurance premiums.
- P.  Yes  No **Enter -0- here if you filed a return with IRS and entered an amount on Line A. If you did not file a return with IRS and you had expenses normally allowed by IRS as adjustments to gross income, enter those deductions here.** Allowable adjustments include alimony you paid, tuition, moving expenses, and others. See the instructions.

**Subtotal Allowable Deductions:**

**Total Combined Disposable Income:**

20____ Income Year	County Use Checklist
<b>\$\$\$ Amount</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> IRS Tax Return <input type="checkbox"/> 1040 <input type="checkbox"/> 1040-A or EZ
	<input type="checkbox"/> Sch D <input type="checkbox"/> Form 4797 or 6252 <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> Sch C <input type="checkbox"/> Sch D <input type="checkbox"/> Sch E <input type="checkbox"/> Sch F <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> Sch C <input type="checkbox"/> Sch E <input type="checkbox"/> Sch F <input type="checkbox"/> Sch K-1 <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> Bank Statements <input type="checkbox"/> 1099's <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> 1099's <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> DFAS Statement <input type="checkbox"/> 1099's <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> VA Statement <input type="checkbox"/> 1099's <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> SS Statement <input type="checkbox"/> RRB Statement
	<input type="checkbox"/> Sch C <input type="checkbox"/> Sch E <input type="checkbox"/> Sch F <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
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	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> Printout/Receipt
	<input type="checkbox"/> SS Statement <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____
<b>\$</b>	
<b>\$</b>	

**County Use Only:** \_\_\_\_\_

7. My home is insured:  No  Yes If yes, my Fire and Casualty Insurance is provided by:

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Policy No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of dwelling coverage: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Policy Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Local agent: \_\_\_\_\_ Agent's Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Washington State Department of Revenue is listed as a "Loss Payee" on my policy.  Yes  No

If Washington State Department of Revenue is not listed as a loss payee on your insurance policy, the value of your dwelling cannot be included in the equity calculation and your equity will be based on the value of the land only. For documentation, you must provide a copy of your policy. Mail it to Washington State Department of Revenue, Property Tax Division, PO Box 47471, Olympia WA 98504-7471 or fax it to Deferrals at (360) 534-1380.

8. Liens and obligations

You must report the current balances of all mortgages and liens against the property. Do not report your deferral account balance.

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Reverse Mortgage ( <i>lien balance</i> )	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	1 <sup>st</sup> Mortgage ( <i>lien balance</i> )	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	2 <sup>nd</sup> Mortgage ( <i>lien balance</i> )	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Special assessment balance(s)	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Balance on other liens, lines of credit, etc.	\$ _____

TOTAL Liens and Obligations \$ \_\_\_\_\_

9. By signing this form I confirm that:

- I understand that any deferred special assessments and/or real property taxes, together with interest, are a lien upon this property and that this lien becomes due and payable upon:
  - Sale or transfer of this property.
  - My death unless my surviving spouse or domestic partner, if qualified, elects to continue the deferral. (Your spouse or domestic partner must file an application to continue the deferral within ninety (90) days of your date of death.)
  - Condemnation of this property by a public or private body exercising the power of eminent domain, except as otherwise provided in RCW 84.60.070.
  - Such time as this residence is no longer my primary residence.
  - Failure to keep fire and casualty insurance in sufficient amount to protect the interest of the state, unless the deferred amount does not exceed my equity value in the land or lot only.
- I swear under the penalties of perjury that the information reported on this application form is true and complete. I understand that an incomplete application will delay my property tax payment.
- I understand that **future deferrals are not automatic** and that I must renew my application if I want to defer my property taxes or special assessments next year.
- I understand that **the annual interest rate on deferrals made on or after January 1, 2007 is 5%.**
- **I have attached copies of documents supporting my income information, current mortgage and lien balances, and fire and casualty insurance.**

<b>Your Signature (or the signature of your authorized agent)</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Percentage of Ownership Interest</b>
_____	_____	%
<b>Signatures of all other owners of interest on the deed</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>Date</b>
_____	_____	_____
		%
		_____
		%
		_____
		%

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**Instructions for Completing the Income Section of the  
Deferral Application for Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons**

**To avoid delays in processing your application, remember to answer all questions, include all of the required documentation, and sign the form.** Anyone who has an ownership interest in the property must sign the form.

Leave the "County Use Only" areas blank.

You must include documentation showing you meet the age or disability requirement. You must also include documentation of your income; account balances for existing mortgages or other liens against your property; and a copy of your insurance policy showing the State of Washington Department of Revenue listed as "loss payee". Without insurance documentation, we will only include land value in the equity calculation. If you have questions about what to include, contact your County Assessor's Office.

**Instructions for Completing the Income Section**

**How is disposable income calculated?**

The Legislature gave "disposable income" a specific definition. According to RCW 84.36.383(5), "disposable income" is adjusted gross income, as defined in the federal internal revenue code, plus all of the following that were not included in, or were deducted from, adjusted gross income:

- ◆ Capital gains, other than a gain on the sale of a principal residence that is reinvested in a new principal residence;
  - ◆ Amounts deducted for losses or depreciation;
  - ◆ Pensions and annuities;
  - ◆ Social Security Act and railroad retirement benefits;
  - ◆ Military pay and benefits other than attendant-care and medical-aid payments;
  - ◆ Veterans pay and benefits other than attendant-care, medical-aid payments, veterans' disability benefits, and dependency and indemnity compensation; and
  - ◆ Dividend receipts and interest received on state and municipal bonds.
- ◆ **This income is included in "disposable income" even when it is not taxable for IRS purposes.**

**Important:** Include all income sources and amounts received by you, your spouse/domestic partner, and any co-tenants during the application/assessment year (the year before the tax is due). If you report income that is very low or zero, attach documentation showing how you meet your daily living expenses. Use **Line K** to report any income not reported on your tax return and not listed on Lines A through J.

**What if my income changed in mid-year?**

If your income was substantially reduced (or increased) for at least two months before the end of the year and you expect that change in income to continue indefinitely, you can use your new average monthly income to estimate your annual income. Calculate your income by multiplying your new average monthly income (during the months after the change occurred) by twelve.

**Example:** You retired in September and your monthly income was reduced from \$3,500 to \$1,000 beginning in October. Multiply \$1,000 x 12 to estimate your new annual income.

- ◆ **Report this amount on Line K** and do not complete Lines A through J. Provide documentation that shows your new monthly income and when the change occurred.

**Line K – Report all household income not already included or discussed on Lines A through J.** Include foreign income not reported on your federal tax return and income contributed by other household members not shown in Part 1. Provide the source and amount of the income.

**Lines L - O - What is combined disposable income?**

RCW 84.36.383(4) defines "combined disposable income" as your disposable income plus the disposable income of your spouse or domestic partner and any co-tenants, minus amounts paid by you or your spouse or domestic partner for:

- ◆ Prescription drugs;
- ◆ Treatment or care of either person in the home or in a nursing home, boarding home, or adult family home; and
- ◆ Health care insurance premiums for Medicare. (At this time, other types of insurance premiums are not an allowable deduction.)

Care or treatment in your home means medical treatment or care received in the home, including physical therapy. You can also deduct costs for necessities such as oxygen, special needs furniture, attendant-care, light housekeeping tasks, meals-on-wheels, life alert, and other services that are part of a necessary or appropriate in-home service.

**Special instructions for Line P.**

If you had adjustments to your income for any of the following and you did not file an IRS return, report these amounts on Line P and include the IRS form or worksheet you used to calculate the amount of the adjustment.

- ◆ Certain business expenses for teachers, reservists, performing artists, and fee-basis government officials
- ◆ Self-employed health insurance or contributions to pension, profit-sharing, or annuity plans
- ◆ Health savings account deductions
- ◆ Moving expenses
- ◆ IRA deduction
- ◆ Alimony paid
- ◆ Student loan interest, tuition, and fees deduction
- ◆ Domestic products activities deduction

**CONTACT YOUR COUNTY ASSESSOR'S OFFICE FOR  
ASSISTANCE IN COMPLETING THIS FORM.**