



Pierce County



District 4 e-newsletter

Connie's Council Update

Representing University Place, Fircrest, Downtown Tacoma, parts of Tacoma's North and South ends, Hilltop, and the Port of Tacoma



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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I thought you might be interested to know that Pierce County offers several programs to provide assistance to our senior citizens and disabled residents. There are property tax exemptions and deferrals available. You may also qualify for a discount on your sewer bill. Please click on the links for more information about some of the programs offered by the county.

[Senior/Disabled Property Tax Exemptions & Deferrals](#)

This program is available to citizens who are at least 61 years old on December 31 of the year they apply or retired from regular gainful employment by reason of a disability, with an income of \$35,000 or less. Exemptions must be renewed once every six years unless there is a change in status or income. Proof of income is required in addition to the information requested on the application form. Proof of disability is also required.

The exemption freezes the value of the residence as of January 1 of the initial application year, exempts all excess levies and may exempt a portion of regular levies. The Assessor-Treasurer will continue to establish the market value of the property on an annual basis. Your taxes will be calculated on the lesser of market value or frozen value.

[Sewer Assistance Program](#)

To receive the reduced rate, you must be a qualified customer with an active Property Tax Exemption filed with "Senior/Disabled and Permanent Disability" exemption code at the Assessor-Treasurer's Department. If your property is currently coded in this way, you may be eligible.

[Low Income Home Repair](#)

- For residents of Pierce County (outside the City of Tacoma and the City of Lakewood)
- Must be age 60+ or disabled.
- Repairs for low-income homeowners and renters

with savings under \$10,000

- Repairs must relate to health and safety such as ramps, hot water heaters, furnaces, broken windows, locks, toilets, etc.
- Free to recipient

For more information on these and other programs, please contact the [Aging and Disabilities Resource Center](#) at (253) 798-4600.

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