

Notice to Mackinaw Township residents

Qualifying Income Limit to Defer Summer Property Taxes Modified *Change impacts senior citizens, veterans and persons with disabilities*

The Michigan General Property Tax Act has been amended with Public Act 24 of 2005 to allow certain citizens, including senior citizens, veterans and persons with disabilities, to defer their summer property taxes if they have a household income below \$35,000. The previous income level for deferment was \$25,000.

At the beginning of July, treasurers across the state mailed property tax bills including information regarding property tax deferrals based on the previous \$25,000 income limit. It has since been determined by the state that the new \$35,000 income limit will be used in *this year's* summer property tax collection.

To qualify for the deferment under the new qualifying income limit, a township resident must meet one or more of the following conditions as defined by the State Income Tax Act:

- Is a totally and permanently disabled person, blind person, paraplegic, quadriplegic, eligible serviceperson, eligible veteran, or eligible widow or widower .
- Is 62 years of age or older, including the un-remarried surviving spouse of a person who was 62 years of age or older at the time of death.

Township residents who believe they qualify under the new limit and wish to defer their summer property taxes can obtain an Application for Deferment of Summer Taxes from the township treasurer's at: 231 436 5927. Collection of the approved deferred taxes will be delayed until the winter property taxes are due.