



PROPERTY TAX INCREASE RELIEF FOR LOW INCOME SENIORS AND DISABLED PERSONS

Low-income homeowners in Grey County who meet certain criteria, and whose property taxes have increased over the previous year, may apply for a tax reduction of up to \$500 against an eligible increase.

This program has been established under Section 319 of the *Municipal Act, 2001* and is open to residential property owners who are, or whose spouse is:

- 65 years of age or older and eligible for support under the Federal Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) program or Ontario Works; or
- A disabled person of any age who is eligible for benefits under the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP).

The subject property must be the primary residence of the applicant. No relief can be granted for properties used on a seasonal or occasional basis, that are tenanted or are otherwise used for a purpose other than the owner's primary residence.

Eligible Relief

Relief under this program can only be granted against a year-over-year increase in calculated property taxes. If the total property taxes as shown on your final property tax bill are greater than the final taxes for the previous year, you may be eligible to have the increase amount canceled up to a maximum of \$500. If the total property taxes are less than or equal to the prior year's taxes, no relief can be granted.

Example Circumstances	Increase Under \$500	Increase Over \$500	Decrease
Application Year Taxes	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500
Prior Year Taxes	\$2,200	\$1,900	\$2,700
Difference	\$300	\$600	-\$200
Eligible Amount	\$300	\$500	\$0

Application for Relief

Applications are available at the Municipality of Meaford Administration Office, or an application may be downloaded/printed here: www.meaford.ca

Please **do not submit supporting documentation** with your application. Staff will review your questionnaire and provide you with a preliminary response at which time, specific documentation or confirmation of information may be requested before relief can be granted.

If you require assistance completing your application, please contact the office and staff will be happy help you through the application process.

Application Deadline

Applications may be made once final tax bills have been issued and **must be received by December 31st** of the year for which relief is being requested.