

# HOW TO LOWER YOUR PROPERTY TAXES



Dear Home Owner,

You may qualify for a **SENIOR CITIZEN LOW INCOME, VETERAN'S or LOW-INCOME DISABILITY EXEMPTION** which may reduce your future property tax bills.

The property has to be your "Legal Residence" for any of these exemptions

**Senior Low Income:** Property owner has to be at least 65 Years old (or turning 65 during this calendar year). Eligibility is based on the owners' (including spouse's) limited annual income. That limit is set by each county, and each municipality. Income includes total social security, pensions, wages, interest, etc.... The town of Newfane and Niagara County have set the highest income limit to be **\$33,700**. **Applicants must provide their entire 2023 Federal Tax return or all income statements for the tax year 2023 along with of age and residency.**

**Veteran's Exemption:** Property owner must have been on **active duty** during **WARTIME or during the Cold War Era** which is between Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1945 and December 26, 1991 and must provide a DD214 (Discharge papers)

**Low Income Disability:** A property owner that is certified to receive Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits and whose **annual income is less than \$34,600**. **Applicants must provide their entire 2023 Federal Tax Return or all income statements for the tax year 2023.**

If you believe you might qualify for any of these exemptions, please contact the Assessors' Office at 716.778.8827 ext. 4, or stop by Town Hall to pick up an application. **Deadline March 1<sup>st</sup>. 2025**