

To the taxpayers of Putnam County,

In an effort to direct a taxpayer's question or concerns, I am providing the following information:

The County Clerk (815-925-7129) can answer any inquiries about various tax rates.

The Treasurer (815-925-7226) collects and distributes property taxes to the taxing bodies.

The Supervisor of Assessments (Phone: 815-925-7238 Email: pcsoa@co.putnam.il.us) can explain how your assessment was determined and explain any assessment change from the previous year and can assist you with filing an assessment complaint and the following exemptions. The Supervisor also serves as the Clerk of the Board of Review. (Phone 815-925-7238 Email: pcsoa@co.putnam.il.us)

- **Owner Occupied-** this exemption is people who own and occupy the property as their primary residence. This exemption reduces the assessed value up to \$6000
- **Homestead Exemption-** this exemption is for people ages 65 and older who own and occupy the property as their primary residence. This exemption reduces the assessed value by \$5000
- **Senior Citizen tax Freeze Exemption-** is for taxpayers who will be 65 or older during the assessment year, have total household income of less than \$65,000 for the prior year, and occupy the property as their primary residence. This freezes your Assessed value NOT your property taxes!
- **Home Improvement Exemption-** reduces the value by the amount of increase in assessed value due to improvements being added to an existing residential structure. This is a four year exemption for improvements up to \$25,000 in assessed value.
- **Disabled Veteran Exemption-** for veterans who are disabled 70%-100%
- **Disabled Veteran Homestead Exemption-** for disabled veterans who at least 50% disabled
- **Returning Veteran Exemption-** is a one-time annual exemption of \$5000 off the assessed value for a veteran returning from an armed conflict involving the armed forces. Property must be owned and occupied as their primary residence.
- **Disabled Person-** this exemption is for all persons who have a disability, who own and occupy their residence. This is a \$2000 exemption off the assessed value.
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If you have any question, please call my office at 815-925-7238

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Putnam County Supervisor of Assessments