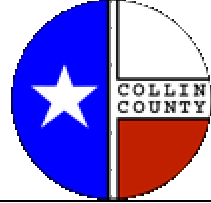


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# Press Release

## **County Taxpayers receiving deceptive letters regarding Senior Citizen Tax Freezes**

County Tax Assessor Collector speaks out to make public aware that fees charged for these tax reductions are not necessary.

**McKinney, TX. December 15, 2003:** Many Collin County taxpayers received letters from a source calling itself "State and County Tax Reduction Exemption Processing Center" asking them to mail a completed check and processing fee to receive a tax freeze, which could save "thousands" in taxes. In these letters, taxpayers are told that it "appears" they may be eligible for a tax freeze on the taxes they pay to the school district. It also speaks of a "new elderly freeze" and states that according to government records, the taxpayer has not filed for the freeze.

According to Kenneth Maun, County Tax Assessor Collector, these letters are deceptive and may be discarded upon receipt. He said that once a taxpayer who is 65 or older has applied for the Over-Age-65 tax exemption; the tax freeze on the school district taxes is automatic. He continued by saying that there is no need for a separate application for the tax freeze. The application filed for the Over-Age-65 exemption is adequate. Many of the taxpayers calling about the letter discovered that they already have the tax freeze, despite what the letter may have indicated.

Mr. Maun also asked that anyone who is eligible for the Over-Age-65 property tax exemption and has not filed to please contact either the Property Tax Office at 972-547-5020 (Metro 972-424-1460 ext. 5020) or the Collin Central Appraisal District at 972-578-5200. There is no fee to apply for this exemption, and either office may assist in completing the application.

