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Dear Brown County Taxpayer,

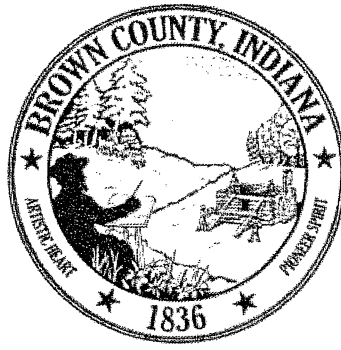
I am writing to let you know of an important update regarding your property tax bill for 2025 taxes to be paid in 2026. With SEA 1 and all the amendments going through the State House there have been many changes to what the State is calling "tax reform". This will change many deductions for property taxpayers.

Certain deductions will be eliminated. These deductions will be retroactively eliminated as of January 1, 2025. This means that individuals will no longer be able to apply for these deductions and County Auditors will no longer apply the deductions to property tax bills for the 2025 pay 2026 billing cycle.

The listed deductions will no longer be applied to property tax bills:

Deduction for surviving spouses of WWI veterans IC 6-1.1-12-16
Deduction for rehabilitation of residential real property IC 6-1.1-12-18
Deduction for solar energy heating or cooling systems IC 6-1.1-12-26
Deduction for solar power devices IC 6-1.1-12-26.1
Deduction for resource recovery systems IC 6-1.1-12-28.5
Deduction for wind power devices IC 6-1.1-12-29
Deduction for hydroelectric power devices IC 6-1.1-12-33
Deduction for geothermal devices IC 6-1.1-12-34
Deduction for fertilizer and pesticide storage IC 6-1.1-12-38
Deduction for personal property held as inventory IC 6-1.1-12-42

As a result of the elimination of the above listed deductions, your property taxes for pay 2026 could be affected.



I do not want you to be surprised when your tax bill comes next year. All these changes are being done as part of the "tax reform" that Governor Braun has initiated and the Indiana House of Representatives and Senate has approved. The people that represent our area at the State House and Senate are:

Dave Hall 317-232-9978

Eric Koch 317-232-9400 or 800-382-9467

If you are over 65 (as of December 31st, 2024) please check with my office on the over 65 deduction. There is no longer an assessed value limit on this, there is still an income restriction (single \$60,000 and joint \$70,000; that is the adjusted gross income line 11 of your tax return). If you had been denied in the past, you could find that you are eligible for the credit now. If you have a disability, you should also give us a call to check on your ability to receive these credits. And, as always, if you own your home or have a land contract please check with my office about a homestead deduction. You can receive a homestead if you have a mobile home in your name also.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call my office at 812-988-5485.

Respectfully,
Julia Reeves