



# Cibola County Office of the Assessor

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### Valuation Freeze

#### Minimize Your Property Tax Increases

I am hopeful that this brief explanation has helped you understand the process of applying for a valuation freeze. One of my goals as Assessor is to keep the public informed and ensure fair and equitable assessments. If you have any questions please call our office at 505-285-2566. Dolores Vallejos, Assessor



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#### What is a Valuation Freeze?

By applying and qualifying for this benefit, you can prevent your property tax valuation from increasing each year on your place of residence. Preventing your valuation from increasing will assist you in minimizing your future property tax increases.

#### Who is Eligible?

- Persons who are 65 years or older and had a gross household income of \$32,000 or less in the year prior to making application.
- Persons who are disabled (at any age) and had a gross household income of \$32,000 or less in the year prior to making application.



#### To Apply:

You may submit your application anytime after January 1st of each year. The best time to submit is after you have completed your taxes for the previous year or after you have received your year end statements from all of your income sources, such as pensions and Social Security. Proof of income must be included with your application.

#### Informing You

Upon qualifying you will receive a letter from the office notifying you of your approval. You must continue to apply and qualify each year to receive the valuation freeze. Applicants who are disapproved will also be notified by mail.

An owner who has claimed and been allowed the "freeze" for three consecutive tax years need not apply for subsequent tax years as long as there is no change in eligibility. The county assessor will apply the "freeze" automatically in subsequent tax years until a change in eligibility occurs

Owners must report any change in eligibility to the County Assessor.

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