



# Property Tax Abatement Application

IF YOU ARE THE SURVIVING SPOUSE OF A FALLEN POLICE OFFICER, SOLDIER, OR RESCUE WORKER, YOU MAY BE ENTITLED TO A PARTIAL REBATE OF PROPERTY TAXES ON THE PORTION OF THE PAYMENT PIATT COUNTY RECIEVES FROM YOUR BILL. 35ILCS 200/18-178. See FAQ on the back of this form.

Parcel Index Number \_\_\_\_\_

Full name: \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B. \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First M.I.

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street address Apt/Unit #

\_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip Code

Have you remarried? Yes  No

*If you have remarried you will not qualify for this abatement. If you have not remarried please continue below with the application.*

Name of deceased spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Spouses D.O.B. \_\_\_\_\_ Spouses Date of Death \_\_\_\_\_

Did your late spouse die as a result of or in the course of employment as a police officer? Yes  No

Did your late spouse die while in the active service of a fire, rescue, or emergency medical service? Yes  No

Did your late spouse die while on active duty as a member of the United States Armed Services, including the National Guard, serving in Iraq or Afghanistan? Yes  No

Did either you or your late spouse own your residence when they died, or did you buy a residence within two years of your late spouse's death? If different then above please list the address. Yes  No

Street \_\_\_\_\_

P.O.Box \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to section 1-109 of the Code of Civil Procedure, the undersigned certifies that the statements set forth in this instrument are true and correct, except as to matters therein stated to be on information and belief and as to such matters the undersigned certifies as aforesaid that she/he verily believes the same to be true.**

**The board retains all rights to request further documents to verify eligibility requirements have been satisfied.**

Applicants are required to provide the Piatt County Board of Review documents verifying qualification for the Surviving Spouse Tax Abatement ("Abatement"). Applicants must produce: (1) Certificate of Death; (2) Marriage Certificate; and (3) Proof of qualifying employment or service with emergency services or Armed Forces.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Submit application to Clerk of BOR  
Piatt County Supervisor of Assessments  
101 W. Washington St. Rm 102  
Monticello, IL 61856

### **What is the Surviving Spouse Tax Abatement?**

The Piatt County Board has passed an ordinance to authorize a partial property tax abatement for the surviving spouses of Piatt County's fallen heroes. The program serves surviving spouses of a fallen police officer, soldier or rescue worker. This program will recognize and honor the ongoing impact of this sacrifice on these families.

### **Who is eligible?**

The surviving spouse of a fallen police officer, soldier, or rescue worker who has not remarried. 35 ILCS 200/18-178 defines a "Fallen police officer, soldier, or rescue worker" as an individual who dies: (1) as a result of or in the course of employment as a police officer; (2) while in the active service of a fire, rescue, or emergency medical service; or (3) while on active duty as a member of the United States Armed Services, including the National Guard, serving in Iraq or Afghanistan excluding any individual whose death was the result of that individual's own willful misconduct or abuse of alcohol or drugs.

### **What property is eligible?**

Qualifying properties are homes occupied by not more than 2 families, used as the principal residence by a surviving spouse, and are/were:

1. owned by the fallen police officer, soldier, or rescue worker or surviving spouse at the time of the death.
2. acquired by the surviving spouse within 2 years after the death if the surviving spouse lived in Illinois at the time of that death; or
3. was acquired more than 2 years after the death if the surviving spouse qualified for an abatement for previous property located in Piatt County.

### **What documentation do I need?**

Please provide copies of the following documents:

- Your current driver's license
- Current utility bill
- Marriage certificate
- Death certificate
- Deed to current residence
- Application for Death Benefits Pursuant to Line of Duty Compensation Act  
(if available, you would have submitted this to the Illinois Court of Claims in Springfield)

### **How and when do I file?**

An **annual application** is required each tax year. Applications are available at:

Piatt County Supervisor of Assessments Office                      and online at: <https://piatt.gov/assessor/>  
101 W Washington St.  
Room 102,  
Monticello, IL. 61856

**When will I receive an abatement?** Once recommended by the Board of Review, the County must then issue final approval. The abatement will be removed from your tax payment the following year.

### **What will be abated?**

For qualified applicants, 40 percent of the county portion of property taxes levied on the parcel shall be abated.

### **Do I need to keep paying my property taxes?**

Yes. You will need to pay your taxes. This is a rebate for a portion of the amount paid to Piatt County only.