

How to Obtain the Tax Abatement

- ◆ The homeowner must make application by affidavit submitted to the City Clerk showing qualification for the abatement.
- ◆ Each year thereafter, submit a similar affidavit showing their continued right to the abatement.

Real Estate Tax Relief

Eligible persons shall be given tax relief from the payment of City real estate taxes in the following manner:

1 st year of owner occupancy	100% reduction of taxes
2 nd year of owner occupancy	75% reduction of taxes
3 rd year of owner occupancy	50% reduction of taxes
4 th year of owner occupancy	25% reduction of taxes
5 th year of owner occupancy	0% reduction of taxes

First Time Homebuyer Exemption

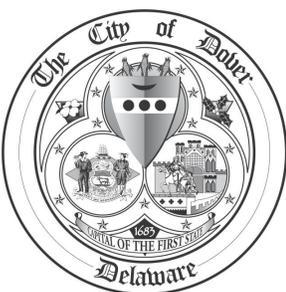
First time homebuyers are eligible for a transfer tax exemption citywide if they use the property as their principal residence. Council shall have the right to deny this exemption to any property owner where the sale and purchase appears to be done fraudulently to take advantage of the realty transfer tax exemption ordinance.

For property located within the ***Downtown Redevelopment High Priority Target Area***, the seller will also receive an exemption from their portion of the transfer tax if they sell to a first time homebuyer.

Dover First Start

First time homebuyers in Dover's downtown may also be eligible for downpayment assistance through the Dover First Start program. For more information, contact the Community Development Office at (302) 736-7175.

First time homebuyer means a natural person who has at no time held an interest in residential real estate, wherever located, and which has been occupied as their principal residence, and who intends to occupy the property being conveyed as his principal residence within 90 days following recordation of the deed.



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