JO DAVIESS COUNTY, ILLINOIS

A RESOLUTION TO EXTEND THE 2020 DEADLINE
FOR FILING SENIOR FREEZE EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS

WHEREAS, the deadline for filing applications for the Senior Citizen Assessment Freeze Homestead Exemption is set by statute as July 1 of each taxable year (35 ILCS 200/15-172), and;

WHEREAS, many senior citizen taxpayers prefer to file the applications for the Senior Citizen Assessment Freeze Homestead Exemption in person at the County Assessment Office, and;

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has identified older adults as being at “higher risk” from COVID-19 and recommends that persons at higher risk avoid crowds as much as possible and stay home to further reduce the risk of being exposed, and;

WHEREAS, Illinois Property Tax Code provides that “[a] county may, by ordinance, establish a date for submission of applications that is different than July 1” (35 ILCS 200/15-172(c)), and;

WHEREAS, the Jo Daviess County Board finds that extending the July 1 deadline would reduce the number of persons at “higher risk” from traveling to the County Assessment Office during the next three months.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF JO DAVIESS COUNTY, ILLINOIS THAT:

Section 1: Pursuant to the authority granted to the County Board by the Property Tax Code in 35 ILCS 200/15-172(c), the filing deadline for the Senior Citizen Assessment Freeze Homestead Exemption for the 2020 (payable 2021) taxable year is October 1, 2020.

Section 2: This resolution will automatically be repealed on December 31, 2020.

PRESENTED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Jo Daviess County Board on this 13th day of April, 2020.

Scott Toot, Chairperson
Jo Daviess County Board

Attest: Angela Kaiser
County Clerk

Ayes: 14
Nays: 0
Absent: 3
Abstained: 0