

# MEDIA RELEASE



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## **Township of Schaumburg Assessor promotes new Surviving Spouse Tax Abatement Deduction**

February 7, 2020 – The Cook County Board of Review (BoR) has announced a new Surviving Spouse Tax Abatement program authorizing property tax abatement for the surviving spouse 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, and were a resident of Cook County. The Township of Schaumburg Assessor John R. Lawson is a 35 year active police force veteran and supports this new initiative.

The program can abate up to 100% of a surviving spouse's county property tax liability. Once approved to the program, the surviving spouse abatement will renew on a yearly basis. Details regarding who is eligible can be found on the Cook County Board of Review website: [cookcountyboardofreview.com/about/surviving-spouse-abatement](http://cookcountyboardofreview.com/about/surviving-spouse-abatement)

Township of Schaumburg Assessor, John R. Lawson says, "As an active police veteran I know first-hand the heartache following the passing of a first responder. Loved ones should not be burdened by tax bills after their spouse made the ultimate sacrifice protecting our country and communities. I encourage all spouses of our fallen heroes to research this new program or call our office for assistance."

Questions can be directed to the Township of Schaumburg Assessor's Office at (847) 884-0030 between 8:30 am – 5:00 pm, Monday – Friday. Additional information can be found at [schaumburgtownship.org/departments/assessors-office/](http://schaumburgtownship.org/departments/assessors-office/).

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