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**MAYOR'S OFFICE & COMMUNITY CENTERS TO OFFER NEW JERSEY
PROPERTY TAX REIMBURSEMENT APPLICATION FILING ASSISTANCE**

CAMDEN – Mayor Dana L. Redd today announced that her office and Camden City Community Centers will be ready to assist Camden City seniors and disabled residents with their 2010 New Jersey Property Tax Reimbursement Application, also known as the “Senior Freeze” program beginning April 1, 2011. At the request of Mayor Redd, staff members of the Mayor’s Office and community centers recently took part in a training session administered by the New Jersey Department of Treasury. Also attending the training session were staff members from Genesis.

“The national recession has caused severe financial hardships to many families, seniors, and disabled individuals living in Camden and throughout the country,” Mayor Redd said. “Fortunately, there are still state resources available that reimburse our senior and disabled population for property tax increases. I want to ensure that eligible Camden residents take advantage of this program and if they need help filing their application, the City is here to assist them through the process.”

Eligible applicants must file their application on or before June 1, 2011. Seniors applying for the 2010 reimbursement must have total income for both 2009 and 2010 that is \$80,000 or less. These limits apply regardless of marital/civil union status. To qualify for the 2010 New Jersey Property Tax Reimbursement program, an applicant must meet all of the following requirements:

- You are age 65 or older or receiving Federal Social Security disability benefits; and
- You have lived in New Jersey continuously for at least the last ten (10) years, as either a homeowner or a renter; and
- You have owned and lived in your home (or have leased a site in a mobile home park on which you have placed a manufactured or mobile home that you own) for at least the last three (3) years; and

(more)

- You have paid the full amount of property taxes (or site fees if you are a mobile home owner) that were due on your home for the base year and for each succeeding year, up to and including the year for which you are claiming the reimbursement; and
- You meet the income limits for the base year and for each succeeding year, up to and including the year for which you are claiming the reimbursement.

The Mayor's Office will also assist veterans fill out their "Veterans Deduction" application. There are no income requirements for veterans to be eligible. All you have to provide is proof of your veteran status.

Camden seniors can seek assistance from the Mayor's Office or from our community centers beginning April 1, 2011. Camden seniors can be encouraged to contact the Mayor's Office at 856-757-7200 or the Camden City Bureau of Neighborhood Services (to find nearest Community Center) at 856-757-7605. For additional information regarding the Senior Freeze program, please visit the New Jersey Department of Treasury website at www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/propfreez.shtml.

"I highly encourage Camden seniors to take advantage of the Senior Freeze program," Mayor Redd said. "All those who were trained will be more than happy to assist you and any personal information discussed with our trained staff will be strictly confidential."

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