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Deduction filing deadline nears for Indiana property owners

Starke County (November 6, 2009) – While Indiana real property owners have until the end of the year to file for property tax deductions, Michaelene J. Houston, Starke County Auditor, is urging individuals to file as soon as possible.

“With the holiday season and winter weather approaching, property owners should file deduction applications as soon as they are able,” said Auditor Houston. “We don’t want anyone to miss out on a deduction because they missed the application deadline.”

Deduction applications **must be completed and dated by December 31, 2009** and filed with County Auditor Michaelene J. Houston or one of her deputies on or before January 5, 2010 for the taxpayer to receive the eligible deductions on 2010 property tax bills.

Deduction applications are available at the county auditor’s office or may be downloaded from the Department of Local Government Finance Web site, <http://www.in.gov/dlgf/2344.htm>.

In addition to meeting all other eligibility requirements for the desired deduction(s), the applicant for the deduction must own or be buying the property under contract on the date the application is filed in order to receive the deduction.

Persons filing for deductions on annually assessed mobile homes still are required to apply for the deduction during the 12 months before March 31 of each year.

For more information, please visit the Department of Local Government Finance’s Property Tax Deductions Web site, <http://www.in.gov/dlgf/2344.htm>.

Specific questions about property tax deduction eligibility should be directed to the county auditor’s office. Anyone in the office can help you. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8 am to 4 pm.