# FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CLARE CITY TREASURER, FINANCE AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR

On January 29, 2011 the Clare County Treasurer notified all local municipalities within Clare County that the Clare County Board of Commissioners had approved the use of a provision within the property tax laws of the State of Michigan allowing for winter tax deferments in very specific and limited circumstances.

The County Treasurer indicated that the basic guidelines for the winter property tax deferral are:

- The winter property tax deferral is only available through the County Treasurer's Office.
- Winter deferrals can only be approved for the taxpayer's homestead.
- The taxpayer must be a senior citizen, paraplegic, quadriplegic, hemiplegic, eligible service person, eligible veteran, eligible widow or widower of a veteran or totally and permanently disabled or blind.
- The taxpayer must apply for a Michigan Homestead Property Tax Credit on or before February 14th and present a copy of their completed MI-1040CR or MI-1040CR-2 form to the Clare County Treasurer's Office by February 15th along with their completed Clare County Application for Deferral of Winter Taxes form (available at the County Treasurer's Office as well as Clare City Hall).
- The taxpayer must not have received the Michigan Homestead Property Tax Credit from the Michigan Treasury before March 1st.
- The winter property taxes must be paid by April 30th to avoid penalty and interest being added back to the property taxes.

Please note that the above described property tax deferment is only available for residential property located within Clare County. Additional information regarding property taxes is available within the City Treasurer's section of our Internet site at www.cityofclare.org .

If you have any questions concerning this month's Treasurer's article or any other City of Clare finance or property tax matter we encourage you to call (386-7541, extension 107), to stop by City Hall or if it is more convenient send me an e-mail message at skingsbury@cityofclare.org.