

HOUSING AFFORDABILITY THRESHOLD

(CAN YOU AFFORD TO LIVE IN YOUR HOME?)

WHAT IS IT?

- A NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED STATISTIC TO DETERMINE IF YOU CAN AFFORD TO LIVE IN YOUR HOME.
- **IF YOU RENT** – ADD TOGETHER YOUR ANNUAL PAYMENTS FOR RENT AND UTILITIES - IF THAT TOTAL IS 30% OR MORE THAN YOUR ANNUAL INCOME, YOUR HOME IS UNAFFORDABLE.
- EXAMPLE: IF YOU PAY \$12,000 EACH YEAR IN RENT (\$1,000 PER MONTH) AND \$2,400 EACH YEAR IN UTILITIES (\$200 PER MONTH) THEN YOU WOULD NEED MORE THAN \$48,000 IN ANNUAL INCOME TO LIVE IN YOUR HOME. [(\$12,000 + \$2,400) DIVIDED BY .30]
- **IF YOU OWN YOUR HOME** – ADD TOGETHER YOUR ANNUAL PAYMENTS FOR MORTGAGE, UTILITIES, AND PROPERTY TAXES - IF THAT TOTAL IS 30% OR MORE THAN YOUR ANNUAL INCOME, YOUR HOME IS UNAFFORDABLE.
- EXAMPLE: IF YOU PAY \$12,000 EACH YEAR FOR YOUR MORTGAGE, \$2,400 EACH YEAR IN UTILITIES AND \$6,000 EACH YEAR FOR PROPERTY TAXES (\$500 PER MONTH), THEN YOU NEED MORE THAN \$68,000 IN ANNUAL INCOME TO LIVE IN YOUR HOME. [(\$12,000 + \$2,400 + \$6,000) DIVIDED BY .30]
- 78% OF LAKE COUNTY SENIORS ONLY HAVE SOCIAL SECURITY PAYING THEM AN AVERAGE OF \$18,488 PER YEAR.
- IF WE CONTINUE PASSING PROPERTY TAX LEVIES, WE WILL PRICE SENIORS AND THOSE LIVING ON FIXED INCOMES OUT OF THEIR HOMES. WHO IS SPEAKING OUT FOR SENIORS?