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| BRAZOS COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT 1673 BRIARCREST DRIVE, SUITE A-101 BRYAN, TEXAS 77802-2799 PHONE: (979)774-4100 | | APPLICATION FOR RESIDENTIAL HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FOR TAX YEAR: _____ | |
| For appraisal district use only: Legal Description: | | | Property ID |
| You may only apply for a residence homestead exemption on property you owned January 1 of this year. Fill out the application completely. File it between January 1 and no later than April 30. You may file a late homestead exemption application if you file it no later than one year after the taxes became delinquent. If you were eligible for an exemption last year, check the box in Step 5 below. Be sure to attach any additional documents requested. If you need help in completing the form, call the appraisal office. | | | |
| STEP 1: OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS | Owner's name completing application: | | Home Phone: Work Phone: Cell Phone: |
| | Current mailing address: | | ATTACH A COPY OF DRIVERS LICENSE OR PERSONAL ID FOR ALL OWNERS |
| | Spouse Name: | Your date of birth: | |
| | Other Owner's Name (s): | Their date of birth: | Their Driver's License or Personal ID Certificate Number* |
| STEP 2: DESCRIBE YOUR PROPERTY | Give street address if different from above, or legal description if no street address: | | |
| | MOBILE HOMES: Give make, model and identification number: Attach a copy of statement of ownership and location issued by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs if home is 8'x40' or larger, or attach a verified copy of the purchase contract that shows you as owner of the mobile home unless your title information appears on the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs' Web site. If so, the appraisal district may use the Web site documents to verify your eligibility. | | |
| STEP 3: CHECK EXEMPTIONS THAT APPLY TO YOU BE SURE AND ATTACH ANY REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR EACH EXEMPTION YOU CHECK | <input type="checkbox"/> GENERAL RESIDENTIAL EXEMPTION: You qualify for this exemption if (1) you owned this property on January 1; (2) you occupied it as your principal residence homestead on January 1; and (3) you or your spouse are not claiming a residence homestead exemption on any other property. PURCHASE DATE: _____ MOVE-IN DATE: _____ | | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> OVER-65 EXEMPTION: You qualify for this exemption if you are 65 years of age or older. You can't claim a disability exemption if you claim this exemption. See the back of this form for more information about tax limitations or qualification dates. | | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> DISABILITY EXEMPTION: You qualify for this exemption if you are/were under a disability for the purposes of payment of disability benefits under the Federal Old Age, Survivor's and Disability Insurance Act OR you met the definition of disabled in that Act. You can't claim an over-65 exemption if you claim this exemption. See the back of this form for more information about tax limitations or qualification dates. Please attach proof of disability from Social Security Administration. | | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> OVER-55 SURVIVING SPOUSE OF A PERSON WHO RECEIVED THE OVER-65 EXEMPTION: You qualify for an extension of this exemption if (1) you were 55 years of age or older on the date your spouse died and (2) your deceased spouse was receiving the over-65 exemption on this residence homestead or would have applied and qualified for the exemption in the year of the spouse's death. See the back of this form for more information about tax limitations or qualification dates. Deceased Spouse's Name: _____ Date of Death: _____ | | |
| REMOVE EXEMPTION: | Please check if you will transfer a tax ceiling from your last home: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Attach the tax ceiling certificate from prior home if transferring from another county. | | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Remove Exemption on: _____ for _____ (street address, city, county) (tax year) Exemption to be removed: | | |
| STEP 4: ANSWER IF APPLIES | COOPERATIVE HOUSING RESIDENTS: Do you have an exclusive right to occupy this unit because you own stock in a cooperative housing cooperation? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | | |
| STEP 5: CHECK IF LATE | <input type="checkbox"/> Application for homestead exemption for prior tax year, _____. You must have met all of the qualifications checked above to receive the prior year tax exemption and it must not be later than one year from delinquency date. | | |
| STEP 6: SIGN AND DATE THE APPLICATION | By signing this application, you state that you are qualified for the exemptions checked above. You state that the facts in this application are true and correct. You also state that you do not claim an exemption on another residence homestead. You must notify the chief appraiser if and when your right to the exemption ends. You swear or affirm that you have read and understand the penalty for filing a false statement. | | |
| | SIGN HERE | | Date |
| | If you make a false statement on this application, you could be found guilty of a Class A misdemeanor or a state jail felony under Texas Penal Code Section 37.10. | | |

*You are required to give us this information on this form, in order to perform related functions for this office. Section 11.43 Tax Code authorizes this request.

APPLICATION FOR RESIDENTIAL HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION INSTRUCTIONS

General Residence Homestead Exemptions. You may only apply for residence homestead exemptions on **one** property in a tax year. Fill out the other side of this application completely. To qualify for homestead exemptions, you must own and reside in your home on January 1 of the tax year. If you temporarily move away from your home, you may continue to qualify for an exemption if you don't establish another principal residence and you intend to return within a two year period. Homeowners in military service or in a facility providing services related to health, infirmity or aging may exceed the two year period. If you need assistance filling out this form, call the appraisal district. A list of taxing units and the exemptions they offer are listed below.

Age 65 or Older or Disability Exemptions. You may receive age 65 or older or disability homestead exemptions immediately upon qualification for the exemption(s). You must apply before the first anniversary of your qualification date to receive the exemption(s) in that tax year. For example, if you turn 65 or are disabled on June 1 of the current year, you have until May 31 of the next year to apply for the current tax year's age 65 or older or disability exemption(s). This special provision only applies to age 65 or older or disability exemptions and not to other exemptions for which you may apply.

Disability Exemption. You are entitled to the exemption if you meet the Social Security Administration's tests for disability. In simplest terms:

- 1) You must have a medically determinable physical or mental impairment;
- 2) The impairment must prevent you from engaging in *any* substantial gainful activity; and
- 3) The impairment must be expected to last for at least 12 continuous months or to result in death.

Alternatively, you will qualify if you are 55 or older and blind and cannot engage in your previous work because of your blindness.

To verify your eligibility, attach a copy of your disability determination letter from Social Security (or other recognized retirement system). If you are not disabled through Social Security or other recognized retirement system, have your physician complete and mail us the form titled *Physician's Statement Verifying Eligibility for Disability Homestead Exemption*. (You will need to request this form from the appraisal district)

Tax Limitations: The age 65 or older or disability exemption for school taxes includes a school tax limitation or ceiling. Other types of taxing units – county, city or junior college – have the option to grant a tax limitation on homesteads of homeowners who are disabled or 65 years of age or older.

Surviving Spouse Age 55 or Older: Over 65: You qualify for an extension of this exemption if (1) you are 55 years of age or older on the date your spouse died and (2) your deceased spouse was receiving the age 65 or older exemption on this residence homestead or would have applied and qualified for the exemption in the year of the spouse's death. You will not receive the school tax limitation for the age 65 or older exemption unless your spouse died on or after December 1, 1987. **Disabled:** You will not qualify for a disability exemption claimed by your deceased spouse. You are not entitled to continue the school tax limitation; however, you will be entitled to continue the local option county, city or junior college limitation.

Filing Deadlines. File this application between January 1 and no later than April 30. You may file a late homestead exemption application if you file it no later than one year after the taxes became delinquent. See the over-65 exemption section above for more on late filing.

Re-filing. If the chief appraiser grants the exemptions, you do not need to reapply annually. You must reapply, however, if the chief appraiser requires you to do so by sending you a new application asking you to reapply. You must notify the chief appraiser in writing if and when your right to any exemption ends or your qualifications change. You must reapply if you qualify for additional exemptions based on age or disability in the future.

Step 1. Owner's name and address.

Enter the following information:

- Name of the owner of the property.
- The property owner's current mailing address and phone number.
- Applicant's name, date of birth and driver's license number or personal identification number.
- Spouse or other owner's name, date of birth and driver's license number or personal identification number. Attach additional sheets if needed.

Step 2. Describe the property. Enter the information requested. Attach the mobile home statement of ownership and location or sales contract.

Step 3. Check the exemptions that apply to you.

Complete by checking the boxes that apply. Attach a copy of your driver's license. If you are applying for the over-age-65 exemption, you must supply a driver's license, birth certificate, or personal identification card for proof of age. If you will be transferring a tax ceiling from your last home, check the yes box and attach the transfer certificate. If you check the disability exemption, attach documents verifying your disability. If you are a surviving spouse age 55 or older, enter the information requested. The appraisal district may request documents verifying the date of your spouse's death. If you had a prior homestead and exemptions need to be removed, enter the information requested.

Step 4. Answer if applies.

If the property is cooperative housing, complete Step 4.

Step 5. Check if late.

If you were eligible for an exemption last year, check the box in Step 5 for late filing and enter the prior tax year.

Step 6. Sign and date the application.

You must sign and date this application. Making false statements on your exemption application is a criminal offense.

LOCAL TAXING UNITS OFFER THE FOLLOWING EXEMPTIONS:

| TAXING UNIT | RESIDENTIAL HOMESTEAD | | OVER-65 HOMESTEAD | | DISABLED PERSONS HOMESTEAD | |
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| | REQUIRED | OPTIONAL | REQUIRED | OPTIONAL | REQUIRED | OPTIONAL |
| Brazos County | None | None | None | \$75,000 | None | None |
| Bryan ISD | \$15,000 | None | \$10,000 | None | \$10,000 | None |
| College Station ISD | \$15,000 | None | \$10,000 | \$ 5,000 | \$10,000 | None |
| Bryan City | None | None | None | \$15,000 | None | None |
| College Station City | None | None | None | \$30,000 | None | None |
| Navasota ISD | \$15,000 | 20% | \$10,000 | None | \$10,000 | None |

Complete the following affidavit of fact only if the deed to your house does not include your spouse's name and the statement is applicable.

I, _____, declare that _____ and I were married at the time of the purchase of said property, and that our joint assets were used to make this purchase.

Affiant: _____