

#### What is the Law?

In accordance with s. 6(d), Art. VII of the State Constitution, the board of county commissioners of any county or the governing authority of any municipality may adopt an ordinance to allow the following additional homestead exemptions:

Up to \$50,000 for any person who has the legal or equitable title to real estate and maintains thereon the permanent residence of the owner, who has attained age 65, and whose household income does not exceed (an income limit set annually by the Department of Revenue).

### In Addition, these Cities Offer a Limited-Income Senior Exemption of Up to \$25,000:

Cape Canaveral Cocoa Cocoa Beach
Grant-Valkaria Indian Harbour Beach Malabar
Melbourne Beach Melbourne Village Satellite Beach
Titusville West Melbourne

## **Qualifications and Documents**

- Own and establish your permanent residency as of January 1;
- Approved for the \$25,000 homestead exemption.
- 65 years of age as of January 1 (of the year you are applying for the exemption) and provide proof of age;
- Applicants and all persons living in the household who file a federal tax return must provide a copy of their prior year's federal tax return for verification, including any wage and earning statements (i.e., W-2, 1099).

Applicants and all persons living in the household who are not required to file a federal tax return must provide copies of all 1099 forms and other statements of income from Social Security, pensions, interest income, etc. that prove income received during the prior year.

Dear Homeowner,

Florida's voters approved measures to give additional property tax relief to limited-income senior citizens who are approved for a homestead exemption. The Limited-Income Senior Citizen exemption is a local option-a list of the participating municipalities is outlined.

This exemption is applied to municipal property taxes in the cities that have adopted the discount. In addition to the participating cities, Brevard County has adopted this tax discount from its general fund for qualifying Senior Citizens. It is my hope that this card explains the qualifications for the Limited-Income Senior Exemption established by Florida law. Please do not hesitate to contact our office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Dana Blickley Dana Blickley, CFA Brevard County Property Appraiser



# Trusts and Life Estates

Did you put your homesteaded property in a trust or life estate in the last year? This change to your property's title will require you to update your homestead and senior exemption information with the Property Appraiser.



### **Important Dates**

January 1 – Legal assessment date

March 1 – Deadline to apply for most exemptions

August – Notices of proposed property taxes mailed

September – Deadline to file Value Adjustment Board petitions

# Office of the Property Appraiser Locations

Brevard County Government Complex - North 400 South Street, 5th Floor Titusville, Florida 32780 (321) 264-6700

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Brevard County Service Complex 450 Cogan Drive SE Palm Bay, Florida 32909 (321) 952-4574

