

LUBBOCK CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT

**Changes in Texas Property Tax Laws
Affecting Residential Homestead Exemptions
Effective Sept 1, 2011**

Effective Sept 1, 2011 in order to qualify for a residential homestead exemption you must provide the following documentation: (Note the new requirements apply to any of the several ways property owners can qualify for a residential homestead).

- 1) A copy of the applicants driver's license or state –issued personal identification certificate: and
- 2) A copy of the applicants vehicle registration receipt or
 - a) If the applicant does not own a vehicle, an affidavit to that effect signed by the applicant; and
 - b) A copy of a utility bill in the applicants name for the property for which the exemption is sought.

The addresses shown on each of the documents must be the same as the address for which the homestead exemption is sought.

Any affidavit required for exemption qualification may be notarized free of charge if signed before a Notary at the appraisal district.

For a manufactured home to qualify for a residence homestead, applicant **MUST** also include:

- 1) a copy of the statement of ownership and location for the manufactured home issued by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs showing that the applicant is the owner of the manufactured home:
- 2) a copy of the purchase contract or payment receipt showing that the applicant is the purchaser of the manufactured home; or
 - a) a sworn affidavit by the applicant indicating that
 - i) the applicant is the owner of the manufactured home;
 - ii) the seller of the manufactured home did not provide the applicant with a purchase contract; and
 - iii) the applicant could not locate the seller after making a good faith effort.

In addition to the information identified above an applicant for an age 65 or older or disabled exemption that is not specifically identified on a deed or other instrument recorded in the applicable real property records as an owner of the residence homestead must provide an affidavit or other compelling evidence establishing the applicant's ownership of an interest in the homestead.

AGE 65 OR OLDER/DISABLED EXEMPTION AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF _____

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared _____, who being by me duly sworn, deposed as follows:

“My name is _____, I am over 18 years of age and I am otherwise fully competent to make this affidavit. I have personal knowledge of the facts contained herein and all of same are true and correct.

I have a _____ percent ownership in the residence homestead identified in the foregoing exemption application.

Further, Affiant sayeth not.”

Signature of Affiant

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this, the

_____ day of _____, _____

Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

My Commission expires: _____

MANUFACTURED HOME AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF _____

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared _____, who being by me duly sworn, deposed as follows:

“My name is _____, I am over 18 years of age and I am otherwise fully competent to make this affidavit. I have personal knowledge of the facts contained herein and all of same are true and correct.
I am the owner of the manufactured home identified in the foregoing exemption application. The seller of the manufactured home did not provide me with a purchase contract and I could not locate the seller after making a good faith effort.
Further, Affiant sayeth not.”

Signature of Affiant

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this, the _____ day of _____, _____

Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

My Commission expires: _____

NON-OWNERSHIP OF MOTOR VEHICLE AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF _____

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared
_____, who being by me duly sworn, deposed as follows:

“My name is _____, I am over 18 years of age
and I am otherwise fully competent to make this affidavit. I have personal knowledge of the
facts contained herein and all of same are true and correct.

I do not own a vehicle

Further, Affiant sayeth not.”

Signature of Affiant

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this, the

_____ day of _____, _____

Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

My Commission expires: _____