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October 2021 Newsletter

DEAR TAXPAYER:

Welcome fall!

The end of the 2021 tax year is fast approaching! October is a busy month in my office as we certify the ad valorem tax roll to the Palm Beach County Tax Collector's Office. The Tax Collector will mail the 2021 tax bills on November 1.

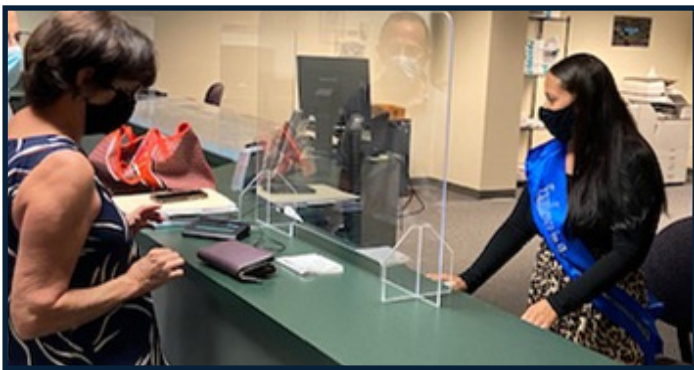
This month, petition hearings will begin for property owners who filed a petition because they disagree with their property assessment or denied exemption. They are led by the Palm Beach County Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller's Value Adjustment Board (VAB). On average, the number of petitions filed in Palm Beach County is low, typically less than 1% of the total parcels in the County.

As we move into the final months of the year, I'd like to remind all property owners to review their homestead exemption status to determine whether they might qualify for additional property tax saving benefits. There are several other exemptions such as those for seniors, the disabled, and members of the armed forces.

I hope you find this information helpful.

Respectfully,

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Our North County Exemptions Services Team

ADDITIONAL EXEMPTIONS

A property owner may be eligible for additional exemptions. In order to qualify for the following additional exemptions, you must have a homestead exemption on your property.

Limited Income Senior Exemption

To qualify, you must be 65 or older and your adjusted gross income must meet a maximum level that is adjusted annually by Florida's Department of Revenue. The income limitation amount is available from my office in mid-January of each year. The current income limit is \$31,100. This does not include tax-exempt bond interest or non-taxable social security income. You will be asked to provide a copy of your Federal 1040 Tax Form or your Social Security 1099 Form.

The additional benefit for qualified seniors applies only to taxes levied by the following authorities. The county's senior exemption does not apply to other taxing authorities, such as the school district and other municipalities.



\$50,000

- Town of Haverhill
- Town of Loxahatchee Groves
- Village of Wellington

\$25,000

- Palm Beach County
- City of Boynton Beach
- City of Lake Worth Beach
- Town of Lantana
- City of Palm Beach Gardens
- Village of Palm Springs
- Town of Jupiter

\$5,000

- Village of Royal Palm Beach

Widow/Widower Exemption

Florida grants an additional \$500 exemption to widows and widowers. You will be asked to submit a copy

of the deceased spouse's death certificate. If the surviving spouse remarries, they are no longer eligible to receive the additional exemption.

Living Quarters of Parents or Grandparents Exemption

(also known as the Granny Flat Exemption)

Homesteaded property owners who add living quarters for a parent or grandparent can apply to have all or part of the value of this new construction deducted from the assessment.

Civilian Disability Exemptions

Full or partial exemptions are available for individuals with the following disabilities:

- Quadriplegic
- Paraplegic
- Hemiplegic
- Legally Blind
- Total and Permanent Disability, Confined to Wheelchair
- Total and Permanent Disability, Not Confined to Wheelchair

Some of these exemptions have income limitations.

Visit our website (<https://www.pbcgov.org/papa/additional-exemptions.htm>) for more information on these exemptions or to download and print forms. You can always call us at 561.355.2866 or email us at myexemption@pbcgov.org.

HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURE

The Palm Beach County Property Appraiser's Office (including all of our Service Centers) will be closed on Columbus Day, Monday, October 11, 2021. We will resume normal business hours on Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.



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