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### HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION INFORMATION SHEET

#### What is the Homestead Exemption?

A reduction in real estate taxes for seniors or disabled persons, regardless of income who own and occupy their home as of January 1<sup>st</sup> for the year they are applying. (This means you would own and occupy your home as of January 1<sup>st</sup> 2009 to be eligible for this year, 2009). The reduction is \$25,000.00 off the market value of your home.

#### What are the qualifications?

Persons must be **65 years of age or older**, or **permanently and totally disabled**, or be the **surviving spouse of a person who was receiving the homestead exemption**.

**Age 65**, means that you will turn 65 **during the year 2009 (born in 1944 or before)**.

**Permanently and totally disabled**, means a person who has on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January for the year you are applying (2009), has impairment of body or mind making him/her unfit to work at any substantially remunerative employment which he/she is reasonably able to perform and which with reasonable probability will continue for an indefinite period of at least 12 months without any present indication of recovery. This person must have the Certificate of Disability Form DTE 105E, (which is the only acceptable form), filled out by either the Social Security Administration or by a Licensed Ohio Doctor.

**Surviving Spouse**, means the surviving spouse of a person who is deceased, and **was receiving** the homestead exemption **prior** to their death. The surviving spouse must have been age 59 on the date of the decedent's death.

Sign up period to apply for the homestead exemption for the tax year 2009, taxes payable in the year 2010 is form:

**January 6, 2009 thru June 1, 2009**

**(Note: Applications must be received by the Auditors Office, NOT postmarked by the due date.)**



**Late Flier:**

If you turned 65 or were older, in the year 2008, or were totally and permanently disabled on January 1<sup>st</sup> of 2008, but did not apply for the homestead exemption, you may be eligible to apply for a reduction of your 2008 real estate taxes. You must file this application during the sign up period for the year 2009, which is **January 6<sup>th</sup> thru June 1, 2009**

**TO APPLY FOR THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION: Contact our office for an application at 740-670-5035, visit our website at: [lcounty.com/auditor](http://lcounty.com/auditor), or stop into our offices at 20 South Second Street Newark, Ohio, or 312 Township Road Pataskala, Ohio 43062, during the sign up period of January 6, 2009 thru June 1, 2009.**

**When applying, we need the following: Proof of Age; either an Ohio Drivers License, State ID, Passport, or Birth Certificate.**

**If you have a “trust” we need to see the Actual “trust” to determine the eligibility.**

**If you have a “life Estate”, we need to see a copy of the deed stating this.**

**If you own additional property other than that which you are listing as your residence, we need the exact address, county, state, city, and if possible the parcel number.**