

Attention! New Homestead Application Rules

The recent session of the Texas Legislature imposed new standards for property owners who apply for any one of several kinds of homestead exemptions starting September 1, 2011.

In order to receive a homestead exemption for property tax purposes, applicants must now provide the following information:

- An unexpired current copy of their Texas driver's license or a Texas state-issued identification card
- A current copy of their vehicle registration receipt. Those who do not own a vehicle will be required to submit a notarized affidavit certifying that fact and provide a copy of a current bill received from a utility company.

The address on each of the required documents must be the same as the address for which the homestead exemption is applied for.

The above referenced required documents **must** be provided with the completed application for anyone requesting the following exemptions:

- General Residential Exemption
- Over-65 Exemption
- Disability Exemption
- 100% Disabled Veterans Exemption
- Extension of Exemption for a Surviving Spouse
- Exemption for a Manufactured (Mobile)Home

For those seeking a homestead exemption on a Manufactured Home, the applicant must provide the following documentation:

- Statement Of Ownership and Location issued by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs
- A copy of the purchase contract or payment receipt that the applicant is the purchaser of the manufactured home, OR, a sworn affidavit that:
 - a) The applicant is the owner of the manufactured home
 - b) The seller of the manufactured home did not provide the applicant with a purchase contract
 - c) The applicant could not locate the seller after making a good faith effort

Section 11.43 (n) of the Property Tax Code states that the Chief Appraiser may not allow an exemption provided by 11.13 if the required documents are not provided with the application.

If you have any questions please contact the Lavaca County Central Appraisal District at 361-798-4396 or come by the district office at 113 N Main St Hallettsville TX. Office hours are 8-5 Monday – Friday.