

NEW HOMESTEAD APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

If a person currently has a homestead exemption, it is NOT necessary to re-apply for an exemption.

Beginning September 1, 2011 the Texas Legislature has imposed rigorous new standards of mandatory disclosure for property owners applying for first-time homestead exemptions, applying for additional exemptions, or applying for a homestead on another property.

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

- A copy of their Texas driver's license or Texas state-issued identification card and;
- A copy of their Vehicle registration receipt with their application for a homestead exemption.

Applicants that do not own a vehicle will be required to:

- Submit a notarized affidavit certifying that they do not own a vehicle and;
- Provide a copy of a current bill received from a utility company in place of the vehicle registration.

The address on all requested documents must be the same as the address on the application for a homestead exemption.

Corrected vehicle registration information can be obtained from the County Tax-Assessor's office at the Taylor County Annex at 400 Oak for a cost of \$2.00. An updated address for a driver's license may be available on-line at www.texasonline.com or by going to the DPS office at 4649 S. 1st. The cost is \$11.00.

We know this will be a hardship on new applicants, but we do not have a choice in adhering to these new requirements.