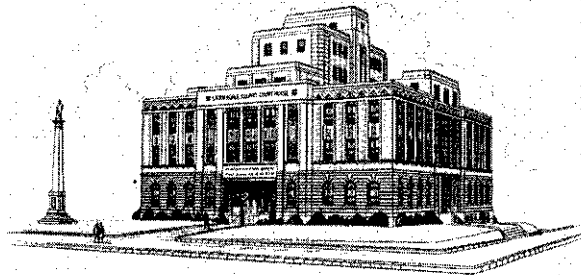


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**HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION**

**TO FILE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION, YOU MUST COME TO THE TAX ASSESSOR'S OFFICE AND APPLY BETWEEN THE FIRST REGULAR BUSINESS DAY AFTER JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup> AND ON OR BEFORE APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>.**

The following criteria must be met to be eligible to receive Homestead Exemption tax benefits.

1. Be a legal resident of Mississippi
2. Own and occupy the property as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the year you file
3. Purchase price of the property
4. Comply with Mississippi income tax requirements

**YOU WILL NEED TO KNOW OR BRING, IF APPLICABLE, THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:**

1. Tag numbers of all the vehicles you own
2. Social Security number(s) of owner and spouse
3. Purchase price of the property
4. Amount of down payment
5. Previous owner's name
6. If over sixty-five (65) or 100% Disabled, you will need to bring proof (Social Security Letter, Birth Certificate, or Driver's License with Date of Birth)

**IF THERE HAS BEEN A CHANGE IN YOUR HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION AS A RESULT OF ONE THE FOLLOWING REASONS, YOU MUST COME TO THE TAX ASSESSOR'S OFFICE AND RE-APPLY FOR YOUR HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION BETWEEN THE FIRST REGULAR BUSINESS DAY AFTER JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup> AND ON OR BEFORE APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>.**

1. Purchased a new home
2. Death of a spouse
3. If you turned 65 or became 100% disabled last year (need proof)
4. New deed put on record (Changing title on deed, Life Estate, Trust, etc.)
5. Change in marital status (Separated, divorced, married)
6. Acquired, sold, or gave away any property relating to your homestead
7. Change in the use of the property (Renting part of home or business in home)
8. Homestead denied the previous year
9. Change in occupancy

**IF YOU HAVE MOVED OR IF YOU ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR HOMESTEAD, PLEASE LET US KNOW.**

Please call (601) 482-9779 if you have any questions.