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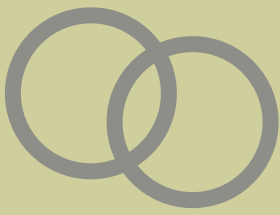
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MARRIED? DIVORCED? WIDOWED?

**If you got married, divorced, or are newly widowed,
please contact our Office to avoid losing your homestead exemption!**

MARRIED?



- Married couples can claim only **one** Homestead Property Tax Exemption or residency based exemption.
- If both of you currently own a homesteaded property, either in Florida or anywhere else in the United States, one of the exemptions will need to be removed no later than **January 1** after you are married.
- Failure to notify our Office could cause you to not only lose your Homestead Exemption, but also you may be subject to back assessment liens, penalties, and interest.

DIVORCED?



- A Final Judgement for Dissolution of Marriage automatically changes your property ownership from *"tenants by the entirety"* to *"tenants in common."* This means each spouse owns 50% interest in the property.
- A divorce can affect the amount of your homestead exemption as well as who benefits from the accumulated Save-Our-Homes benefit, also known as portability.
- Please contact our Office if you anticipate a divorce so that all parties may understand the different scenarios and portability calculation consequences.

WIDOWED?



- If you currently benefit from homestead exemption and have become widowed, you may qualify for an additional \$5,000 exemption off your property's assessed value. This equates to approximately \$100 in annual tax savings.
- To apply for this exemption, please visit our Stuart or Hobe Sound office and provide your Florida driver's license, social security number, and a copy of the death certificate.
- Once you qualify and receive this exemption, you are required to notify our Office if you re-marry as the exemption will need to be removed.

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