



# OFFICE OF TAX COMMISSIONER

## FORSYTH COUNTY GEORGIA

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## APPLICATION FOR HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

FOR STANDARD (S1), **OR** AGE 65 & OVER 100% SCHOOL TAX (L1) WITH STANDARD

**MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE APRIL 1. SEE REVERSE FOR ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS AND OTHER INFORMATION**

### SECTION ONE: OWNER(S) / APPLICANT(S) INFORMATION (ALL FIELDS REQUIRED)

OWNER/APPLICANT 1				OWNER/APPLICANT 2			
NAME:				NAME:			
	(Last)	(First)	(Mi.)		(Last)	(First)	(Mi.)
AGE:		DATE OF BIRTH (mm/dd/yy):		AGE:		DATE OF BIRTH (mm/dd/yy):	
COPY OF PHOTO ID ATTACHED?		YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	COPY OF PHOTO ID ATTACHED?		YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
PHONE:		SOCIAL SEC. NO. (last-4):		PHONE:		SOCIAL SEC. NO. (last-4):	

MAILING ADDR:		CITY:		ST:		ZIP:	
RECEIVE ELECTRONIC <u>AND</u> PAPER TAX BILLS?	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	EMAIL ADDRESS:				
EXEMPTION TYPE APPLYING FOR (CHECK 1):	STANDARD HOMESTEAD (S1) <input type="checkbox"/>		AGE 65+ 100% SCHOOL WITH STANDARD (L1) <input type="checkbox"/>				
ARE ANY MINOR CHILDREN CURRENTLY RESIDING IN THE HOME?	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>					
DO YOU CURRENTLY RECEIVE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION ON ANY OTHER PROPERTY?	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>					
IF YES - LIST ADDRESS (INCL. CITY/ST/ZIP)							

### SECTION TWO: PROPERTY INFORMATION (\*REQUIRED)

*MAP/PARCEL NO.:		*LEGAL DESCRIPTION:	DISTRICT:	SECTION:	LAND LOT(S):
*LOCATION ADDRESS:		*ACRES:		SUBDIVISION:	
*PURCHASE DATE:		*PURCHASED FROM:		SALE PRICE:	
*DEED TYPE:	WARRANTY <input type="checkbox"/>	QUIT-CLAIM <input type="checkbox"/>	EXECUTOR/ESTATE <input type="checkbox"/>	OTHER: <input type="checkbox"/>	*DEED BOOK: <input type="checkbox"/>
					*PAGE: <input type="checkbox"/>

### SECTION THREE: OATH OF OWNER/APPLICANT (REQUIRED)

**TAKE NOTICE THAT** Per O.C.G.A. § 48-5-51 it is unlawful for any person to make, or to knowingly assist another in making, a false or fraudulent claim, statement, or any representation of fact in support of a claim for homestead exemption. Persons in violation shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and property shall be taxed in an amount double the tax otherwise to be paid.

**TO THE HONORABLE MATTHEW C. LEDBETTER, TAX COMMISSIONER, FORSYTH COUNTY GEORGIA:**

**"In accordance with provisions of Georgia Law authorizing Homestead Exemption from certain county, municipal, and local school district ad valorem taxes, I the undersigned do solemnly swear that I (1) am a qualified applicant as defined in O.C.G.A. § 48-5-40, (2) do hereby submit this application as claim for Homestead Exemption on the above described property and as such (3) do hereby declare the same as my primary legal residence for all purposes whatsoever. I (4) fully warrant all information contained herein and present all as true and accurate, and (5) confirm that neither I, nor my spouse, currently claim or receive any form of homestead exemption on any other property. I (6) understand and accept it is my duty to notify the Tax Commissioner of Forsyth County, or an official assign thereof, if for any reason I should become ineligible for homestead exemption on this property."**

Sworn to and subscribed before me

This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature – Owner/Applicant 1

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature – Owner/Applicant 2

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public  
State Of Georgia  
Commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_

#### OFFICIAL USE ONLY

REVIEWED BY	DATE	APPLICATION REVIEW STATUS	EXEMPT CODE	BEGIN TAX YEAR	TO BOARD OF ASSESSORS
		ACCEPTED <input type="checkbox"/> REJECTED <input type="checkbox"/> INCOMPLETE <input type="checkbox"/>			

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

## DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION

- **APRIL 01** of tax year the exemption is being applied-for **and** for which applicant is eligible to receive.

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

### FOR STANDARD HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION (S1):

- MUST SUBMIT THIS COMPLETED, SIGNED, AND NOTARIZED APPLICATION **ON OR BEFORE APRIL 01.**
- CAN CLAIM NO HOMESTEAD STATUS ON ANY OTHER PROPERTY
- MUST OWN AND RESIDE IN THE HOME JANUARY 1 (of tax year applying-for)
- MUST CONTINUE TO OWN/RESIDE IN THE HOME (to maintain eligibility)

### FOR AGE 65 & OVER 100% SCHOOL TAX HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION (L1) WITH STANDARD (S1):

- SAME AS STANDARD (S1) ABOVE  
<PLUS>
- ONE APPLICANT MUST BE AGE 65 (OR OLDER) AT TIME APPLICATION IS MADE
- APPLICANT MUST BE AGE 65 (OR OLDER) AS OF JANUARY 1 (of tax year applying-for)
- NO MINOR CHILD MAY RESIDE IN THE HOME EXCEPT THAT OF A NATURAL OR ADOPTED CHILD OF OWNER/APPLICANT, A FOSTER CHILD UNDER CARE OF OWNER/APPLICANT, A CHILD FOR WHOM OWNER/APPLICANT HAS BEEN APPOINTED LEGAL GUARDIAN, OR A CHILD TEMPORARILY RESIDING IN THE HOME FOR A PERIOD NOT MORE THAN ONE-YEAR IN DURATION. DOCUMENTED PROOF OF ANY APPLICABLE EXCEPTION IS REQUIRED FROM APPLICANTS AGED 65 OR OVER WITH MINOR CHILDREN RESIDING IN THE HOME.

## EXEMPTION AMOUNTS

### STANDARD HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION (S1):

- COUNTY MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS (M&O): -\$8,000 ASSESSED VALUE\*
- FIRE DISTRICT TAX: -\$8,000 ASSESSED VALUE\*
- LOCAL SCHOOL MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS (M&O): -\$2,000 ASSESSED VALUE

### AGE 65 & OVER 100% SCHOOL TAX HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION (L1) WITH STANDARD (S1):

- COUNTY MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS (M&O): -\$8,000 ASSESSED VALUE\*
- FIRE DISTRICT TAX: -\$8,000 ASSESSED VALUE\*
- LOCAL SCHOOL MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS (M&O): 100% OF ASSESSED VALUE
- LOCAL SCHOOL BOND INDEBTEDNESS: 100% OF ASSESSED VALUE

*\*Combined (when applicable) is a variable "Floating" Homestead Exemption (L7); value equals the amount of current tax-year assessed value exceeding that of tax-year immediately preceding current Homestead Exemption being granted (excludes additions or improvements to property).*

## OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- IF YOU ARE APPLYING FOR OR CURRENTLY RECEIVING A STANDARD (S1) HOMESTEAD, **YOU MUST RE-APPLY FOR ANY ADDITIONAL HOMESTEAD EXEMPTIONS** (INCLUDING THE 65+ 100% SCHOOL "L1" EXEMPTION) SHOULD YOU LATER BECOME ELIGIBLE.
- ONCE GRANTED AN EXEMPTION AUTOMATICALLY "CARRIES OVER" TO THE NEXT TAX-YEAR, BARRING ANY CHANGE OF ELIGIBILITY (NO NEED TO RE-APPLY EACH YEAR).
- IF YOU PURCHASE AND MOVE TO A NEW RESIDENCE YOU WILL NEED TO APPLY FOR HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION ON THE NEW PROPERTY (AND REMOVE SAME FROM YOUR PREVIOUS RESIDENCE).
- **IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO NOTIFY OUR OFFICE IMMEDIATELY UPON ANY CHANGE OF ELIGIBILITY.**

## OTHER HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION TYPES AVAILABLE

- CERTAIN INCOME-BASED EXEMPTIONS MAY BE AVAILABLE FOR HOMEOWNERS AGE 62 AND OVER OR WHO RECEIVE DISABILITY BENEFITS. DISABLED VETERANS AND SURVIVING SPOUSES OF MILITARY MEMBERS KILLED IN ACTION MAY ALSO BE ELIGIBLE. FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT THE FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF ASSESSORS OFFICE AT **770.781.2106**, OR VISIT:  
[www.forsythco.com/Departments-Offices/Board-of-Assessors/Homestead-Exemption](http://www.forsythco.com/Departments-Offices/Board-of-Assessors/Homestead-Exemption)