



As your Property Appraiser, it is my responsibility to ensure that all residential property, commercial property and tangible personal property is valued correctly and to assist our residents in receiving tax saving exemptions. This makes certain that property owners pay only their fair share of property taxes – no more, no less. In these newsletters, I am explaining the exemptions available to qualified individuals. This will ensure property owners receive everything they are entitled to and pay only their fair share. This newsletter explains the requirements for exemptions that our brave men and women who have fought for our freedoms and protect our country may be eligible for.

#### **Deployed Military Exemption**

Provide military documentation showing applicant's dates of active duty military service outside the continental United States, Alaska, or Hawaii in support of a qualified operation. For a list of qualified operations, please visit our website. A new application is needed each year. This grants an additional exemption of your assessed value, based upon the percent of the prior year you were deployed overseas in support of one of the qualified military operations

#### **\$5000 Veteran's Disability Exemption**

Provide a copy of your Certificate of Disability from the US Government or the US Department of Veterans Affairs (or predecessor agency). The disability must be military service-connected and have occurred during a period of wartime service or by misfortune. The service-connected disability must be 10% or more as of January 1 of the year for which you are applying. The surviving spouse of a disabled former service member may also claim this exemption, provided the spouse has not remarried. This exemption requires the applicant be a Florida resident. It will save you about \$100 each year in taxes.

#### **Combat-Disabled Veteran**

Significant additional savings are available if you have a combat-related disability as determined by the VA, and you are age 65 or older as of January 1. The exemption is a percentage equal to the percentage of the veteran's permanent, service-connected disability as determined by the VA. Note: The combat disability exemption does not extend to surviving spouses.

#### **Full Exemption for Veteran's Service-Connected Total and Permanent Disability**

Provide a certificate from the US Government or US Department of Veterans Affairs showing you are an honorably-discharged veteran with a service-connected total and permanent disability. Surviving spouses of qualifying veterans or of Florida-resident soldiers who died from service-connected causes while on active duty are also entitled to the full exemption (so long as the spouse has not remarried). This exemption will fully exempt you from paying all ad valorem property taxes each year.



I look forward to providing you with important information in the coming months. If my office can ever be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (954) 357-6904 or by email at [martykiar@bcpa.net](mailto:martykiar@bcpa.net)

Take care,

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