



2020 Homestead Exemption

All qualified Florida residents are eligible to receive a Homestead Exemption on their homes, condominiums, co-op apartments, and certain mobile home lots. To qualify for Homestead Exemption, you must own and make the property your permanent residence on January 1 of the year for which you are applying for this valuable exemption. Pursuant to Florida law, all assessments and exemptions are based upon the status of the property on January 1. If you purchased and/or made the property your permanent residence in 2019 and have not applied for Homestead Exemption, you can apply for 2020 exemptions at any time – there is no need to wait until 2020 to file your exemption application with the Property Appraiser's Office. You can easily apply online at www.bcpa.net or at one of our many outreach events. Please visit <http://www.bcpa.net/Events.asp> to see when our Mobile Exemption & Information Team will be assisting property owners with exemption applications in your neighborhood.

The timely deadline to file for all 2020 exemptions is March 2, 2020. You must make the property your permanent residence by January 1, 2020 in order to qualify; however, you have until March 2 to file your application with the property appraiser's office. The late filing deadline for all 2020 exemptions is September 18, 2020.

Once approved, your Homestead Exemption automatically renews each year provided there is no change in the ownership or use of the property. If you are receiving Homestead Exemption for 2019, you do not need to reapply for this exemption. You will receive a Homestead Exemption renewal card next month to keep for your records.

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.

Take care,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marty Kiar".

Marty Kiar, CFA

