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HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION
FIRST TIME FILE
ITEMS NEEDED

1. **WARRANTY DEED, ASSIGNMENT OF LEASE, OR WILL THAT HAS BEEN RECORDED IN THE CHANCERY CLERK'S OFFICE.**
2. **FULL PURCHASE PRICE OF HOME**
3. **AMOUNT OF DOWNPAYMENT**
4. **IF OVER 65, YOU MUST PROVIDE A *BIRTH CERTIFICATE* OR *VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE* FOR VERIFICATION OF AGE**
5. **IF 100% DISABLED, BRING:**
 - a. **SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY—AWARDS LETTER MUST SHOW THE **DATE YOU WERE DECLARED DISABLED****
 - b. **DISABLED VETERAN—LETTER FROM VETERAN'S ADMINISTRATION**
 - c. **OTHER DISABILITY—TWO ORIGINAL LETTERS FROM TWO SEPARATE DOCTORS**
6. **SOCIAL SECURITY CARD(S)-SPOUSE AND JOINT OWNERS**
7. **TAG NUMBER(S)—FOR ALL VEHICLES TITLED IN YOUR NAME, SPOUSE'S NAME, OR OCCUPYING JOINT OWNER'S NAME**
8. **DIVORCED**
 - a. **COPY OF DIVORCE DECREE**
9. **SPOUSE DECEASED**
 - a. **WARRANTY DEED**
 - b. **PROBATED WILL (IF THERE WAS ONE)**
 - c. **DEATH CERTIFICATE**
10. **MARRIAGE LICENSE (If last names are different)**

Hinds County homeowners may apply for Basic Homestead Exemption on the home that they **own and reside in on January 1**. To qualify, you must own and occupy the property as your primary domicile and legal residence for all purposes whatsoever, including the **registration of your vehicles and filing of your state income taxes**. Exemptions are not automatically granted. **You must apply** for an exemption at the **TAX ASSESSOR'S OFFICE ONLY** during the **FIRST THREE MONTHS OF EACH YEAR**. Changes to an existing homestead exemption are made during these months also. **EXCEPTION:** Over 65 or 100% disabled may be amended anytime during the year **after** the eligibility date if you are at least 65 years old or 100% disabled on **January 1** of the year in which you are applying for the special exemption. In all other circumstances, **APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED OR APPROVED OUTSIDE OF THE THREE-MONTH FRAME.**

SHOULD YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL 601-968-6616