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## THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

Property owners may be exempt from a portion of their property taxes if they are eligible for the Homestead Exemption. A "domicile" is one's permanent, personally owned residence. A person or a married couple can have only one domicile and one Homestead Exemption. Every homeowner in Orleans Parish is able to claim an exemption from most of the property taxes on the first \$75,000 of market value (or \$7,500 of assessed value) of their "domicile" or the home they own and occupy as their primary residence.

### The State Constitution guarantees a Homestead Exemption for each eligible Louisiana homeowner

The Homestead Exemption was set by voters in 1980 at \$75,000 and is covered by Article VII, Section 20 of the Louisiana Constitution. The Homestead Exemption is permanent for as long as the individual owns and resides at that property in Orleans Parish.

For example, the first \$75,000 of a \$100,000 home is exempt from all property tax millage, except for 10.47 mills dedicated by voters to police and fire services in Orleans Parish. A home valued at \$50,000 with a valid Homestead Exemption would pay \$52.35 a year in property tax for the

police and fire millage everyone pays. If the \$50,000 home had no valid Homestead Exemption and was located on the East Bank of Orleans Parish, the total property tax bill would be \$735.30.

A tax calculator is available at [www.nolaassessor.com](http://www.nolaassessor.com).

### One home, one Homestead Exemption

Only one Homestead Exemption can be granted per home that is owned and permanently occupied as a domicile by a resident in Louisiana. A Homestead Exemption cannot be applied to a property that an individual owns but does not live in day-to-day. For example, someone cannot live in Atlanta and receive a Homestead Exemption for a home they own in Orleans Parish.

### Notification of your Homestead Exemption status is mailed to you once a year

As of January 1, 2012, Homestead Exemptions on each property in Orleans Parish are permanent as long as the individual owns and is domiciled at that property receiving the Homestead Exemption. If you are uncertain whether you are currently receiving a Homestead Exemption, visit [nolaassessor.com](http://nolaassessor.com) and click 'Search Records,' or call (504) 658-1300.

### How to file for a Homestead Exemption

To claim a Homestead Exemption, a person must appear in person at the Assessor's Office and present the following:

1. Proof of ownership (act of sale or warranty deed);
2. A valid Louisiana Photo ID/Driver's License (name and address must correspond to property on application);
3. A recent unpaid Entergy bill for the property addressed to the owner (mailing address must correspond to property's address); and we do not accept Sewerage & Water Board bills; and
4. A signed Homestead Exemption form received from the Orleans Assessor's Office.

