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2020 APPLICATION FOR BASIC HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION AND ASSESSMENT FREEZE

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PARCEL I.D.	PIN #	LOCATION OF PROPERTY		TAX DISTRICT	DATE

MAKE ADDRESS CORRECTIONS IN THIS AREA IF NECESSARY:

Owner _____

Co-Owner _____

St. Addr. _____

Apt./Suite _____

City _____ ST _____ ZIP _____

*** APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY APRIL 1 ***

By completing the application below, you are applying for the Basic Homestead Exemption and Property Assessment Freeze. The Property Assessment Freeze will offset any future increase in property value for the county portion of your bill, but does not affect school, city, or state taxes. Qualification requires that you must own and occupy the property as of January 1, 2020, as your primary domicile and legal residence for all purposes, which includes the registration of your vehicles and filing of your state income taxes. Exemptions are not automatically granted. Special exemptions are available if you are over age 62, permanently and totally disabled, 100% military service connected disabled or their un-remarried spouse, or the un-remarried spouse of a peace officer or firefighter killed in the line of duty. Special exemptions must be applied for in person. Once approved, the exemption remains in effect as long as you own and reside in your home subject to periodic audits to verify continuing eligibility.

PLEASE COMPLETE APPLICATION IN CAPITAL LETTERS

Applicant #1 Information Name _____

Social Security Number _____ GA Drivers License _____ Date of Birth _____ U. S. Citizen? _____ If no, Registration Number _____

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Applicant # 2 Information Name _____

Social Security Number _____ GA Drivers License _____ Date of Birth _____ U. S. Citizen? _____ If no, Registration Number _____

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Relationship of Applicants _____ Will/Did you own and reside in this home on January 1, 2020? Y/N

Home Phone _____ Alt Phone _____ Alt Phone _____

Are you in military service? Y/N If yes, legal state of residence? _____ Number of Vehicles _____ County where registered _____

Tag 1 Tag 2 Tag 3 Tag 4

Y/N County / State

Are you claiming homestead on any other property? Y/N If yes, list County and full address _____

Address of other property with homestead

E-mail address you may be reached at: _____

Under Georgia law, it is a **misdemeanor** to make false or fraudulent claim for exemption. Persons guilty of fraudulent claims will be subject to taxation in an amount double the tax otherwise due.

I, the undersigned, hereby request registration of my vehicle(s) at the above address, and do solemnly swear that the statements made in support of this application are true and correct; that I am the bona fide owner of the property described in this application; that I actually occupied/will occupy this property on January 1st of the year for which this application is made; that I am an eligible applicant for the exemption applied for, qualifying or meeting the definitions of the word "applicant" as defined by O.C.G.A. 48-5-40; that I request any existing homestead exemptions be removed from other properties; and that no transaction has been made in collusion with another for the purpose of obtaining a homestead exemption contrary to the law. Furthermore, I also understand that at anytime I become ineligible for this Homestead Exemption, it is my duty to notify the Tax Commissioner of the change in my residency status.

Please sign, date and return this application by certified mail to insure proof of filing or apply online at www.dekalbtax.org

Signature _____ Date _____ Employee _____

Legal Definition of the word “applicant” is (a) A married individual living with their spouse; (b) An individual who is unmarried but who permanently maintains a home for the benefit of one or more other individuals who are related to such individual or dependent wholly or partially upon such individual for support; (c) An individual who is widowed having one or more children and maintaining a home occupied by himself or herself and the child or children; (d) A divorced individual living in a bona fide state of separation and having legal custody of one or more children, when the divorced individual owns and maintains a home for the child or children; or (e) An individual who is unmarried or is widowed who permanently maintains a home owned and occupied by himself or herself.

Additional information: State law requires that all owned or leased vehicles must be registered in the county where the owner claims homestead exemption. People registering vehicles or claiming homestead exemption in another state or county are not entitled to homestead exemption in DeKalb County. State law provides for only one homestead exemption per immediate family group (husband and wife). Homestead exemption cannot be claimed on rental property.

Remember, the filing period is January 2nd through April 1st for the current year. Applications received after April 1st will be processed for the following year.

In addition to the basic homestead exemption available to all homeowners, there are special exemptions available for citizens 62 and older, disabled veterans or their un-remarried spouses, the un-remarried spouse of service member killed in action, and other disabled residents. Senior citizens over 65 are eligible for an exemption from state ad valorem taxes. The widowed, un-remarried spouse of a peace officer or firefighter killed in the line of duty may be exempt from all ad valorem property taxes. Eligibility is based upon age, disability, and household income and must be applied for in person at one of the Tax Commissioner’s office locations printed on the reverse side. For information on eligibility and required documentation, please contact our office at (404) 298-4000, or visit our website at www.yourdekalb.com/taxcommissioner

Basic homestead exemptions may be filed online at the above web address.