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January 16, 2012

Dear Providence Taxpayer:

This year, the City of Providence has changed the requirements to qualify for the homestead exemption for real estate tax. Beginning this year, Providence residents must demonstrate that they register their motor vehicles at their Providence address in order to qualify for the homestead exemption. Beginning this year, persons who garage their motor vehicles in Providence for 30 days or more, but who choose to register those cars elsewhere, will no longer qualify for the homestead exemption. If a person has at least one motor vehicle registered in Providence, it will be presumed that the person is eligible for the homestead exemption.

However, there are other situations in which you may qualify for the homestead exemption, including the following:

- You own a motor vehicle registered at your homestead address, but it is exempt from tax because of its low dollar value.
- You do not own a motor vehicle at all.
- You own a leased motor vehicle.

In addition to the new motor vehicle registration requirement, you **MUST** file by mail or in person with the City Assessor's Office the enclosed declaration of homestead and a copy of **ONE** of the following:

- Rhode Island Driver's License
- Homeowner's Insurance Policy (declaration page)
- Automobile Insurance Policy (declaration page)

To demonstrate your eligibility, please fill out the enclosed form and include supporting documentation and return it by March 15, 2012 to the address below. If you deliver the application to the Assessor's Office in person, please be sure to get a copy of your stamped received application from our office. If you are mailing us your application, please be sure to include a self-addressed stamped envelope and we will send you a copy of your stamped application.

Maryann Ferri  
Acting City Assessor

# City of Providence 2012 Declaration of Homestead

Qualifications – To qualify, you **must**:

1. Own [(Be a natural person(s)) holding legal title] your residence (home) as of December 31<sup>st</sup>
2. Actually reside (live) in your residence from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>
3. Be a permanent Providence resident as of December 31<sup>st</sup>

If you qualify (**meet all the requirements**) you must file for your Homestead exemption **NO LATER THAN March 15, 2012**, prior to annual billing.

To file properly, **all owners who qualify** for the exemption **MUST** file by mail or in person with the City Assessor's office, Providence, RI 02903, the enclosed declaration of Homestead and a copy of your ***Rhode Island Vehicle Registration*** (required) **AND** one of the following:

**Check one of the following to include with your RI Vehicle Registration:**

- Rhode Island Driver's License
- Automobile Insurance Policy (cover page)
- Homeowner's Insurance policy (cover page)

**NOTE: THE CITY ASSESSOR MAY REQUIRE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, WHICH HE/SHE DEEMS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE INTENT OF THE ORDINANCE.**

**IF THE TAXPAYER KNOWINGLY GIVES MISINFORMATION AS TO OWNERSHIP AND/OR OCCUPANCY OF THE REAL ESTATE ON HIS/HER APPLICATION FOR A HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION, THE CITY ASSESSOR MAY, IN SUCH EVENT, REMOVE THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION AND RECALCULATE THE TAX FOR THE PERIOD IN QUESTION AND IN ADDITION CHARGE THE TAXPAYER THE MAXIMUM INTEREST PERMITTED BY LAW.**

# City of Providence      2012 Declaration of Homestead

Plat\_\_\_\_ Lot\_\_\_\_ Unit\_\_\_\_

To the Providence City Assessor.  
This is my **DECLARATION OF HOMESTEAD** in the  
**CITY OF PROVIDENCE** that I am filing this day.

I hereby declare that I reside in and maintain a place of abode at:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Number and Street                                      Apt. Or Unit #

\_\_\_\_\_, Rhode Island \_\_\_\_\_  
City    Zip Code

Which place of abode I recognize and intend to maintain as my permanent home and, if I maintain another place or places of abode in some other CITY/TOWN or state, I hereby declare that my above-described residence and abode in the CITY of PROVIDENCE constitutes my predominant and principle home, and I intend to continue it permanently as such. I, at the time of making this declaration, am a bona fide resident of the CITY of PROVIDENCE.

I formerly resided at: (If you previously resided in a different property less than three years ago, please print the address below. If same, print "SAME").

\_\_\_\_\_  
Number and Street                                      Apt. Or Unit #

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, and Zip Code

I understand that I shall furnish proof of residence (**see third page**) in accordance with Chapter 2001-25 No. 398 of the Ordinances of the City of Providence

**By Checking ALL of the following boxes, AND signing below, I swear that I:**

- Own [(Am a natural person(s)) holding legal title] my residence (home) as of December 31<sup>st</sup>
- Actually reside (live) in my residence as of December 31<sup>st</sup>
- Am a permanent Providence resident as of December 31<sup>st</sup>
- Am clear of Housing Court Judgements as of December 31<sup>st</sup>

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing application and that the facts stated in it are true.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number

State of Rhode Island  
City of Providence

Sworn to and subscribed before me this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ by the above named, who

Is personally known to me or  has produced the following type of ID:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Notary  
Commission Expires:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print, Type or Stamp Commissioned Name  
Commission Number:

# Homestead Exemption Eligibility Form

## To be filed with Declaration of Homestead 2012

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Homestead Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Plat/Lot \_\_\_\_\_.

1. Please list all motor vehicles registered at your homestead address, including in your answer: (1) R.I. license plate number, (2) year, (3) make and (4) model:

Car No.	Lic. Plate	Year	Make	Model	Date First Registered
1					
2					
3					
4					

2. Please list all other cars that you or anyone else who in your household owns, including in your answer (1) the state of registration, (2) license plate number, (3) Year, (4) Make, (5) Car Model, and (6) whether you own or lease the vehicle:

Car No.	State	Lic. Plate	Year	Make	Model	Own/Lease	Date First Registered
1							
2							
3							
4							

4. If you kept any of the motor vehicles listed in Rhode Island for fewer than 30 days this calendar year, please list those cars here:
5. If neither you nor anyone else who resides at your homestead address owns any motor vehicles, please indicate so by marking your initials here:

I hereby certify under oath, and subject to the pains and penalties of perjury, that all of the information described on this form is accurate after a reasonable search and to the best of my knowledge.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

State of Rhode Island  
City of Providence

Sworn to and subscribed before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ by the above named, who

Is personally known to me or  has produced the following type of ID:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Notary  
Commission Expires:

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