

2nd \$25,000 Homestead Exemption

Q: Do I need to fill out an application for the additional \$25,000 homestead exemption?

A: No, it will automatically be applied.

Q: Will I receive a refund for prior years?

A: No. This additional exemption is effective for 2008. It does not provide a refund for prior years.

Q: Am I going to save as much on the additional \$25,000 homestead as I did with my existing \$25,000 homestead exemption?

A: No, this additional exemption does not apply to the school board millage. The school board millage makes up approximately 1/3 of the total millage. The first \$25,000 Homestead Exemption saves approximately \$500 in taxes, while the second saves approximately \$320 (assuming the assessed value is greater than \$75,000).

Q: Will all properties that currently receive the original \$25,000 homestead exemption receive the benefit of the new additional \$25,000 exemption?

A: No. Because of the formula set forth in the new legislation, not everyone will benefit from the additional \$25,000. Some will receive the entire amount, many will receive a portion of it and others will receive no benefit at all.

Q: Why doesn't everyone receive the full \$25,000 exemption?

A: The exemption is applied against the value between \$50,000 and \$75,000. Some properties are assessed less than \$50,000, which would then receive no benefit. Others have value between \$50,000 and \$75,000, so would only receive a partial benefit. See chart below.

If your Assessed Value is:	Your Homestead Exemption will be:
\$75,000 or Greater	Original \$25,000 HX Exemption plus, full 2nd \$25,000 HX Exemption
\$50,000 - \$75,000	Original \$25,000 HX Exemption plus, portion of 2nd \$25,000
< \$50,000	Original \$25,000 HX Exemption but NO 2nd HX Exemption