



EDWARD H. ZUPANCIC
COUNTY AUDITOR

SECRETARY OF
BUDGET COMMISSION
BOARD OF REVISION

ADMINISTRATOR
DATA PROCESSING DEPT.

LAKE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CENTER

105 MAIN ST.
P. O. BOX 490
PAINESVILLE, OHIO 44077-0490

440-350-2532

440-428-4348

440-918-2532

440-918-2500

FAX: 440-350-2667

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION QUALIFICATIONS

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE COMPLETING THE APPLICATION

In July 2007, the law governing the Homestead Exemption was changed to include ALL homeowners, regardless of income, if they were 65 years of age or totally disabled (if less than 65) and owned and occupied their home as of January 1st. The new law exempts the first \$25,000 of value, thus reducing the amount of taxes on your property.

- 1). You must be 65 years of age (or turn 65) in the year you are applying for or be permanently or totally disabled regardless of age, as certified by the Social Security Administration.
- 2). You must own your home and/or manufactured home as of January 1st of the year for which you are applying and you must be occupying it as your primary place of residence at the time of application. In other words, it must be your voting and mailing address.
- 3).*** In Lake County, **PROOF OF AGE IS A REQUIREMENT**. A **photocopy** of one of the following is acceptable; a driver's license (current or expired), State of Ohio ID card, birth certificate or passport (current or expired) and **must be included with your application**. The application must be filed by Monday, June 2, 2008.
- 4).*** If your home is currently in a Trust or Life Estate, please submit **A COPY OF THE PAGE OF THE TRUST (OR PAGES) THAT SHOW THE TYPE OF TRUST WITH YOUR APPLICATION**. If your property is in an Irrevocable Trust, we cannot accept your application(s) per State Law.

If you would have qualified for Homestead in 2007 (per the requirements above) and did not apply, please check the "Late application for prior year" box on the application as well as the current application box. You must have owned the home as of January 1, 2007.

For more information or questions, please contact us at (440) 350-2536.