

## **Additional \$25,000 Homestead Exemption**

Q: **Do I have to apply for this additional \$25,000 homestead exemption?**

A: No. It will automatically be applied.

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 may receive a portion of it and others will receive no benefit at all. Per the new legislation, the additional \$25,000 exemption only applies if the Assessed Value of the property is over \$50,000. Please see the graphic depiction below.

Q: **When will the additional \$25,000 homestead exemption go into effect?**

A: The additional \$25,000 exemption became effective for the 2008 tax roll.

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 is calculated off of all millage rates except for the school board, which makes up a large portion of your overall millage rate and taxes. The average savings is projected to be approximately \$242.

Q: **Can I also apply for other additional exemptions such as widows/widowers, disability or senior exemption and qualify for the additional homestead exemption?**

A: Yes.

Q: **How is this additional exemption calculated?**

A: Per the language in [Senate Bill 4D](#) as approved on Amendment 1, the additional exemption is only applied to Assessed Value in excess of \$50,000.

In other words, if the Assessed Value of your home is less than \$50,000 you **will not** receive any benefit from this additional exemption. However, you will still receive the original \$25,000 homestead exemption.

As shown in the illustration below, properties with Assessed Value from \$50,001 – \$74,999 will receive an exemption proportionately up to \$24,999 and all property assessed over \$75,000 will receive the full additional \$25,000 homestead.

IF YOUR ASSESSED VALUE IS...	YOUR HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION WILL BE
<b>\$75,000 and up</b>	Original \$25,000 Homestead Exemption plus Full \$25,000 Amendment 1 Homestead Exemption
<b>\$50,000-\$75,000</b>	Original \$25,000 Homestead Exemption plus Additional Amendment 1 Homestead Exemption up to \$25,000
<b>\$1 - \$50,000</b>	Original \$25,000 Homestead Exemption & NO Additional Amendment 1 Homestead Exemption