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New Homeowners Encouraged to File for Homestead Exemption Online

Bartow, FL - Polk County Property Appraiser, Neil Combee, encourages new homeowners to file online for their Homestead exemption before the March 1st deadline. Most homeowners save on average \$750.00 yearly on property taxes.

The Homestead exemption can substantially reduce the taxable value of a primary residence, providing long-term savings and protection. "For most homeowners, this is one of the simplest and most effective ways to lower their annual property tax bill," said Combee.

Filing online is fast, easy and convenient. Homeowners can apply from their phone or computer. Simply visit WWW.POLKFLPA.GOV.

Homeowners can also apply in person at one of three office locations, however, filing online is highly encouraged as it saves time and money.

Combee stated, "We've redesigned our website, and significantly improved the online exemption application process. Homeowners can now apply in under 14 minutes using a system that is secure, efficient, and easy to navigate."

Beyond tax savings, the Homestead exemption also limits the annual assessment increase through the Save Our Homes cap. Homeowners are encouraged to file soon and avoid the last – minute rush. "There is no reason to wait," Combee added. "Don't delay file today at WWW.POLKFLPA.GOV."

In addition to the Homestead exemption, the Polk County Property Appraiser's Office offers several other tax-saving exemptions, including programs for limited-income seniors and the total and permanently disabled veterans. Visit the Polk County Property Appraiser website for a complete list of available exemptions.

Lock in your 2026 Exemptions Today! File today at WWW.POLKFLPA.GOV or visit us at Bartow: 255 N Wilson Ave., Lakeland: 930 E Parker St., Lake Alfred: 200 Government Center Blvd.

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