



HOMESTEAD EXEMPTIONS

It was our pleasure in assisting you this past year in purchasing or refinancing your home. This letter is to remind you to apply for your Homestead exemption. You are entitled to a Homestead Exemption if, as of January 1st, you have made the property your permanent home or the permanent home of a person who is legally or naturally dependent on you. The statutory filing deadline is March 1st of the year after you closed; i.e. if you close during the 2019 calendar year, then you must file your exemption prior to 03/01/2020.

You may have filed your Homestead Exemption at any time since your closing date, but in case you have not done so, this letter is a reminder to claim this valuable exemption.

Failure to file on time for the Homestead Exemption will disqualify you for the exemption for this tax year.

To file, go to your county's elected property appraiser's website and follow the directions there. While most counties still use paper applications, a few larger counties offer online homestead filing. While the applicable statutes are generally the same, determining eligibility is a matter within the discretion of each appraiser. ([Click here](#) to access a list of websites sorted by county for each county property appraiser in the state of Florida.)

We hope that you are enjoying your new home. Please remember VanDyk when you have friends or relatives in need of mortgage assistance whether buying or refinancing their home.



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