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Property Appraiser Encourages New Homeowners to File for Homestead Exemption Online

Bartow, FL - Our newly elected Polk County Property Appraiser, Neil Combee, is urging all new homeowners who purchased in 2024 to file online for their Homestead exemption before the March 1st deadline. This exemption will result in an average savings of $750.00 on property taxes.

Combee said "This is the single most important exemption a homeowner should have. It will bring both a significant reduction in their property taxes and their home mortgages."

Filing online is easy and convenient. Homeowners can file online by visiting www.polkpa.org simply set up a password and have the following documents ready: driver's license, voter's registration, social security, and vehicle registration number. Ensure the address on the required documents matches the homestead address.

 While homeowners can download and print the homestead application to submit in person at one of three office locations, filing online is highly encouraged as it saves time and money.

Combee added "By filing online and receiving the Homestead exemption, homeowners will also benefit from a cap on assessed value increases which will now never increase more than 3%."

Don't delay file today at http://www.PolkPA.org

The Polk County Property Appraiser's office is also accepting applications for other tax saving exemptions such as limited income seniors, and the total and permanently disabled veterans. A full list of all additional exemptions can be found by visiting the Polk County Property Appraiser website.

Combee stated, "One of reasons I decided to run for Polk County Property Appraiser was to ensure homeowners are fully aware of the property tax savings available to them and to do everything in my power to make sure they actually receive them."

To file in person visit one of three locations in Bartow: 255 N Wilson Ave., Lakeland: 930 E Parker St., Lake Alfred: 200 Government Center Blvd.

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