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RE: Total and Permanent Disabled First Responder Exemption
PCN:

Dear Homeowner:

This letter is to update you on the additional exemption that will be available to certain disabled First Responders. The exemption has been finalized by the Florida Legislature and Governor, and we are waiting on the Florida Department of Revenue (DOR) to give us direction along with any forms that are required. Until that time, below are the qualifications for the additional exemption. Please review the qualifications and if you feel you qualify, please come into one of our offices beginning July 1, 2017 to complete an application.

- Must have been employed as a First Responder by a Florida Agency.
- Must have been disabled "In the line of duty".
- Must be deemed disabled to a degree of Total and Permanent and unemployable.
- Must provide disability documentation from the Social Security Administration or Florida Retirement.
- Must provide two professionally unrelated Florida Physicians letters.
- Must provide a certificate from the organization that employed the applicant as a First Responder or supervised the applicant as a volunteer first responder at the time the injury or injuries occurred. The certificate must contain, at a minimum:
 - The title of the person signing the certificate;
 - The name and address of employing entity;
 - A description of the incident that caused the injury or injuries;
 - The date and location of the incident; and
 - A statement that the first responder's injury or injuries were:
 - Directly and proximately caused by service in the line of duty.
 - Without willful negligence on the part of the first responder.
 - The sole cause of the first responder's total and permanent disability.

The filing period for this exemption for 2017 is July 1, 2017 through August 1, 2017.

If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact our office at 561.355.2866.

Sincerely,

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