



"Ask Lori"

**Helpful Tax Saving Advice and Tips from
Broward County Property Appraiser Lori Parrish**

Dear Lori:

I missed the March 1st deadline to file for property tax exemptions. I was told by my neighbor your office will still accept 2016 Low-Income Senior Homestead Exemption applications? Is this true? Can I still file for my Senior Exemption for 2016?

A.J., Plantation, FL (via email)

It's not too late to file for 2016? If you missed the March 1, 2016 deadline to timely file for your 2016 exemptions, the absolute deadline to "late file" for any 2016 property tax exemption is **September 19, 2016**. The Broward County Property Appraisers Office accepts late filed applications for 2016 Homestead, Senior, Disability, Widowed, Granny Flat, Portability, Non-Profit and all other exemptions until September 19, 2016. To qualify for a 2016 exemption, you must have owned the property and made it your permanent residence **on or before January 1, 2016**. State law (sec 196.001(8), Fla Stat.) does not allow late filing for property tax exemptions after the September 19 late filing deadline, regardless of any good cause reason for missing the late filing deadlines.

Be sure to carefully review the exemptions section of the 2016 Notice of Proposed Taxes, or "TRIM" notice, which was mailed to all Broward property owners by the Property Appraiser's Office in mid-August. Please contact our office at (954) 357-6830 if you believe you are eligible for an exemption which you are not receiving. If an application is not filed on or before September 19, 2016 you have waived your right to the exemption for the 2016 tax rate. Many property owners do not realize they are missing an exemption for which they may be eligible until they receive their property tax bill in November when it is too late to correct the matter for the current year. This is why it is important to carefully review your TRIM notice and contact our office with any questions you may have prior to September 19, 2016.

There are several ways to complete your exemption application. You can apply online at www.bcpa.net, visit our office at 115 South Andrews Ave., Room 111, in Fort Lauderdale, or you can apply at one of our many community outreach events throughout the county. View our entire outreach calendar at www.bcpa.net/events.asp to find out when we will be in your neighborhood. Our office will also be open on **Saturday, August 27** and **Saturday, September 10** from 8:30AM to 5:00PM in order to accommodate the schedule of working families.

If you have any questions regarding property tax related exemptions or simply need to help with your tax exemption applications, please do not hesitate to contact us at 954.357.6830 or visit our website www.bcpa.net.

Sincerely,

Lori Parrish, CFA

If you have a question for the Property Appraiser, please email Lori at lori@bcpa.net or write to her at the Broward County Property Appraiser's Office, 115 S. Andrews Avenue, Room 111, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301. (August, 2016)