

2020 HOMESTEAD CERTIFICATION

Dear Homeowner:

Please fill out this Homestead Exemption Certification Application. This application must be properly filled out accompanied by the required proof of occupancy. Incomplete forms will be returned to the homeowner and could cause a delay in receiving the homestead exemption for this coming tax year.

The Rhode Island General Laws and the Johnston Town Code mandate that all owner-occupied residents must apply for this exemption for it to be applicable. This form must be returned to the Tax Assessor's Office no later than April 15, 2020.

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION (Must Be Owner Occupied)

To qualify, you must:

- 1) Own {Be a natural person(s) holding legal title} and reside in the residence (home) as of December 31, 2019.
- 2) Be a permanent Johnston resident as of December 31, 2019.
- 3) The residence is my principal residence and I (and/or spouse) do not claim any other residence to my principal residence.

Required proof of residency:

To file properly, all owners who qualify for the exemption MUST file by mail or in person with the Tax Assessor's Office, 1385 Hartford Ave., Johnston, RI 02919. Please return the enclosed declaration of Homestead and a copy of three (3) of the following for proof of residency. An updated Rhode Island driver's license or Rhode Island State ID and an updated vehicle registration are mandatory. Failure to include the required three forms will result in a delay in receiving the homestead. The application form must be notarized. If you wish to receive a date stamped copy of your homestead application, please supply the town with a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Rhode Island Driver's License (mandatory) or Rhode Island State Identification card (mandatory)

Rhode Island Vehicle Registration (mandatory) Federal and State Tax Return

Homeowner's Insurance (declaration page)

Note: The Tax Assessor may require additional information, which he/she deems necessary to carry out the intent of the ordinance.

If the taxpayer knowingly gives misinformation as to the ownership and/or occupancy of the real estate on his/her application for a homestead exemption, the Tax assessor may, in such event, remove the homestead exemption and supplement the tax for the period in question and in addition, charge the taxpayer the maximum interest permitted by law. Fraudulent information on homestead applications will result in permanently losing the homestead exemption.

Town of Johnston
Certification of Homestead Exemption

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ Plat _____ Lot _____ Unit _____

Co- Owner(s) Name: _____

Address: _____

To the Town of Johnston Tax Assessor:

This is my DECLARATION OF HOMESTEAD in the Town of Johnston, RI; that I am filing this day.

I hereby declare that I reside in and maintain a place of abode at:

Which place of abode I recognize and intend to maintain as my permanent home and, if I maintain another place or places of abode in some other city, town or state, I hereby declare that my above-described residence and above in the Town of Johnston constitutes my predominant and principle home, and I intend to continue it permanently as such. I, at the time of making this declaration, am a bona fide resident of the Town of Johnston.

I formerly resided at: (if you have previously resided in a different property less than three years ago, please print the address below. If same address, please print "SAME").

I understand I shall furnish proof of residence in accordance with Resolution No 2015-6, amending Resolution Nos 2007-16, 2012-9 and 2012-56.

By checking ALL of the following, AND signing below, I swear that I/we:

_____ Own (am a natural person(s) holding legal title) my residence (home) as of December 31, 2019

_____ Actually reside (live) in my residence as of December 31, 2019

_____ Am a permanent Johnston resident as of December 31, 2019

_____ Am clear of any Housing Court Judgments as December 31, 2019

_____ I occupy my residence as my principal residence, and my spouse and I do not claim any other residence to my/our principal residence (jointly or solely)

_____ I/we are not receiving any other exemptions in any other city, town or state (jointly or solely).

Under penalty and perjury of the law, I swear that I have read the forgoing application and that the facts stated in it are true.

Print Name

Signature

Telephone Number

State of Rhode Island

Town of Johnston

Subscribed and sworn to before me the _____ day of _____, _____.

Signature of Notary Public

Print, Type or Stamp Commissioned Name

Commission Expires:

Commission Number: