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UNDERSTANDING THE HOMESTEAD TAX EXEMPTION:

# A GUIDE TO PROPERTY TAX RELIEF

One of the bigger financial pieces to Homeownership are the property taxes. However, there's a valuable tax exemption program that many homeowners may be overlooking - the homestead tax exemption. This exemption serves as a powerful tool for reducing property tax burdens for homeowners.



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## WHAT IS THE HOMESTEAD TAX EXEMPTION?

In essence, the homestead tax exemption is a benefit provided to homeowners that reduces the amount of property taxes owed on their primary residence. It is essentially a tax break designed to alleviate the financial strain of property ownership, particularly for those residing in their homes.

## HOW DOES IT WORK?

The process of obtaining a homestead exemption typically involves filing an application with the county or city where your home is located. Each jurisdiction may have its own set of requirements and documentation needed for the application process. Therefore, it's essential to familiarize yourself with the specific procedures outlined by your local tax authority.

One crucial aspect to note is the deadline for filing homestead exemption applications, which is typically April 1 for the current tax year. Failing to submit the application by this deadline could result in missing out on potential tax savings for the entire year. Therefore, it's essential to mark this date on your calendar and ensure timely submission of your application to reap the benefits of the homestead exemption.

## DOCUMENTS NEEDED:

Thanks to our preferred Attorney's at McManamy McLeod Heller, you may need the following information and documentation to complete the application:

- Georgia Driver's License or valid GA identification;
- Social Security Number (Owner and Spouse)
- Registration for all vehicles owned in the county where exemption applied for
- Settlement Statement from closing
- Recorded deed for your new home showing the recorded deed book and page number
- Trust document and affidavit if the property is titled in the name of a trust
- Proof of income, previous year's tax returns, and copy of Social Security Award Letter (for Senior and other Special Exemptions)

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# WHITEFOORD

## NONPROFIT SPOTLIGHT WHITEFOORD

STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES  
THROUGH HEALTHCARE AND EDUCATION

### ABOUT:

In Southeast Atlanta's Edgewood neighborhood, Whitefoord stands as a beacon of hope, delivering vital services that integrate healthcare and early education to foster resilient communities.

Whitefoord's mission is clear: to create health equity by providing patient-centered health services alongside complementary programs, notably early education, that address the social determinants of health.

## NONPROFIT SPOTLIGHT CONT'D



Driven by a vision of equitable access to health for all, especially children, Whitefoord operates with unwavering dedication to core values:

- **Excellence:** Whitefoord strives for excellence through service, hard work, competency, quality, consistency, and evidence-based practices.
- **Integrity:** Acting with integrity means being honest, accountable, humble, fair, and fulfilling promises.
- **Community:** Whitefoord fosters a sense of connectedness, teamwork, support, and collaboration among participants, colleagues, and in pursuit of its mission.
- **Well-being:** Whitefoord believes that well-being and happiness stem from serving others with compassion, honoring diversity, and promoting joy.
- **Equity:** By offering support to those with fewer opportunities and fostering an environment of respect, Whitefoord works towards creating equity and affirming the dignity of all community members.

The Whitefoord Health Center, alongside school-based clinics, provides affordable healthcare, ensuring both physical wellness and academic success. Complementing healthcare, the Whitefoord Early Learning Academy offers affordable childcare in a nurturing environment, setting the stage for long-term economic mobility.

In 2022, Whitefoord served over 3,400 patients and educated 101 children, underscoring its commitment to community well-being. With sliding-fee scale payment options, Whitefoord ensures accessibility for all.

Individuals are invited to join Whitefoord as it continues to build stronger, more resilient communities. Visit the website to learn more and schedule an appointment or tour. The journey towards health equity and brighter futures starts at Whitefoord.

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