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Homestead Fraud Report Form

Help Us Prevent Homestead Exemption Fraud

Homestead exemption fraud is a serious issue that affects every taxpayer. The General Homestead Exemption, also referred to as the "owner-occupied exemption" was created as a benefit for homeowners who reside in Marion County and make it their primary, permanent and legal residence. When someone is receiving an exemption to which he or she is not entitled, other property owners must make up the difference in lost tax revenue by paying higher taxes.

If you know of someone claiming a homestead exemption on a property he or she is NOT permanently residing in as their primary residence, we urge you to make a report to our office by completing this form.

If a property owner has a homestead exemption and sells the property anytime after January 1st, the exemption will remain on the property for the entire calendar year and will be removed as of January 1st of the following year. The new owner will be eligible for a homestead exemption beginning January 1st of the following year.

Address of property receiving an improper exemption:

Address line 1: ______ Property Owner Name (If known) ______ Property is (check all that apply): Rented ___ Vacant ___ Vacation Home ___ Owner has exemption on another home ___ Please explain in detail why you believe this property is receiving an improper exemption:

If we need additional information, can we contact you ____ yes ____no If yes, please provide your name and daytime phone number or email address. Your name: ______ Phone Number (include area code) ______

Email Address: _____

Return this form by mail, email, fax or in person at our office. Your name & address will <u>NOT</u> be disclosed.