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Senior Exemption with Limited Income

The limited income Senior Exemption provides an additional Homestead Exemption for residents 65 and over. Article VII of the Florida State Constitution gives authority to the Board of County Commissioners and the local governing authority of the municipalities to determine the benefit amount, up to \$50,000, for the senior exemption. Within Sarasota County the benefit amount for this exemption has been established by the different governing authorities and varies depending on where you reside.

- \$25,000 exemption for the City of Sarasota municipal ad valorem taxes
- \$50,000 exemption for the Town of Longboat Key municipal ad valorem taxes
- \$ 5,000 exemption for the Sarasota County ad valorem taxes
- \$ 0 exemption for the City of North Port municipal ad valorem taxes
- \$ 0 exemption for the City of Venice municipal ad valorem taxes

The total 2018 household adjusted gross income limit is \$ 30,174

(The adjusted gross income is the amount reported on your federal income tax return – Line 7, 1040 US Individual Income Tax Return).

In order to be eligible to receive the additional exemption, you must meet all of the following requirements:

- Homeowners must have a current Homestead Exemption.
- At least one owner must be 65 years of age or older as of January 1st of the year filing.
- Provide proof of age (one of the following listed below):
 - If you drive, a Florida Drivers License *or*
 - If you do not drive, a Florida Identification Card *or*
 - A copy of your Birth Certificate or other official and/or certified record of document that demonstrates the applicant's true age.
- The "Sworn Statement of Adjusted Gross Income of Household and Return – form DR-501SC" must be completed and returned to the Property Appraiser by **March 1st of the current tax year.**
- Also, if you or any other person residing on your property will **file federal income tax return** the previous year, a copy of each filed return must be submitted to the Property Appraiser **1.**