

**ORDINANCE NO. 2007- 11**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, APPROVING A HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION OF UP TO \$50,000 FOR SENIOR CITIZENS WHO HAVE ATTAINED THE AGE OF 65 AND WHOSE HOUSEHOLD INCOME DOES NOT EXCEED \$20,000 ANNUALLY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

WHEREAS, on November 7, 2006, the Florida Constitution was amended to increase the Senior Citizen Homestead Exemption up to \$50,000; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 333, signed into law by Governor Crist on April 9, 2007, allows municipalities to adopt an ordinance to allow an additional homestead exemption of up to \$50,000 for any person who has the legal or equitable title to real estate and maintains thereon the permanent residence of the owner, who has attained the age of 65 and whose household income does not exceed \$20,000 annually; and

WHEREAS, this property tax benefit is a local option which requires each County and/or municipality to adopt an ordinance in order for this exemption to apply to taxes levied in its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Doral finds it to be in the best interests of its residents to adopt an ordinance increasing the homestead exemption for senior citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL:

Section 1. The foregoing "WHEREAS" clauses are hereby ratified and confirm as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Ordinance upon adoption hereof.

Section 2. A homestead exemption of up to \$50,000 for any person who has the legal or equitable title to real estate and maintains thereon the permanent residence of the owner, who has attained the age of 65 and whose household income does not exceed \$20,000 annually is hereby approved.

Section 3. The City Clerk is hereby authorized to transmit this Ordinance to the Miami-Dade County Property Appraisal Department prior to June 1, 2007 for this exemption to be effective for the 2007 tax year.

Section 4. Repeal of Conflicting Provisions. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances or resolutions of the City and/or County Code made inconsistent or in conflict herewith shall be and they are hereby repealed in their entirety insofar as there is conflict or inconsistency.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective upon the approval of the City Commission.

This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption by the City Council. A motion to approve the application was offered by Councilwoman Ruiz who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman DiPietro and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Mayor Juan Carlos Bermudez	Yes
Vice Mayor Peter Cabrera	Yes
Councilmember Michael DiPietro	Yes
Councilwoman Sandra Ruiz	Yes
Councilmember Robert Van Name	Yes

If any section, part of section, paragraph, clause, phrase or word of this Ordinance is declared invalid, the remaining provisions of this Ordinance shall not be affected.

PASSED on 1ST READING this 25<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2007.

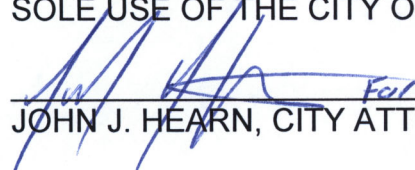
PASSED and ADOPTED on SECOND READING this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2007.

  
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JUAN CARLOS BERMUDEZ, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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BARBARA HERRERA, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND  
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY FOR THE  
SOLE USE OF THE CITY OF DORAL:

  
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JOHN J. HEARN, CITY ATTORNEY