

UPCOMING CHANGES TO THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION PROGRAM

Starting April 1, 2016, the homestead exemption will increase from a \$10,000 to a \$15,000 reduction in your total taxable assessment.

Based on our current tax rate of \$7.70, your tax bill is reduced by \$77.70. After April 1, if there is no change to the tax rate, your reduction will increase to \$115.50 on your tax bill.

If you are currently receiving the homestead exemption, you do not have to do anything, the amount will automatically increase.

If you are not currently receiving the exemption, but meet the following requirements, you can download and complete the application.

The requirements are as follows:

- You are a permanent resident of the State of Maine.
- The dwelling must be your primary residence, and your name must be on the deed.
- You must have owned the dwelling for one year prior to April 1 of this coming tax year.

All new applications must be received by **April 1, 2016** to be considered for the upcoming 2016-17 tax year. To download the application, please go to the Assessing Department page, and click on the "Exemption Information and Application" button.