

ORDINANCE NO. 44-04

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HILLCREST VILLAGE, TEXAS, ESTABLISHING THE EXEMPTION ON THE ASSESSED VALUE OF THE RESIDENCE HOMESTEADS FOR THOSE PERSONS SIXTY-FIVE (65) YEARS OF AGE OF OLDER AND ESTABLISHING THE EXEMPTION ON THE ASSESSED VALUE OF THE RESIDENCE HOMESTEADS OF DISABLED PERSONS; AND SETTING FORTH OTHER PROVISIONS RELATED THERETO.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HILLCREST VILLAGE, TEXAS:

SECTION 1: THAT twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) of the assessed value of the residence homesteads of persons sixty-five (65) years of age or older shall be exempt from all ad valorem taxes hereafter levied by the City of Hillcrest Village, subject to and conditioned upon the requirements herein set out:

1. A person entitled to claim said exemption must register with the Brazoria County Appraisal District between January 1 and April 30 of the tax year in which he wishes to claim said exemption.
2. Said person shall give a sworn affidavit concerning his age and ownership of property and any other facts required by the Brazoria County Appraisal District on forms to be prepared by the Brazoria County Appraisal District.
3. A valid certified copy of a birth certificate shall constitute good and sufficient proof of the age of the claimant. The Brazoria County Appraisal District may consider other proof of age and the judgment of said appraisal district shall be final.

SECTION 2: THAT twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) of the assessed value of the residence homesteads of disabled persons in whose name the property is assessed shall be exempt from all ad valorem taxes hereafter levied by the City of Hillcrest Village, subject to and conditioned upon the requirements herein set out.

THAT for purposes of this section, a “disabled person” shall be defined as any individual, between the ages of eighteen (18) and sixty-five (65) years, who has a disability for purposes of payment of disability insurance benefits under Federal Old-Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance. The requirements to which this exemption is subject and upon which this exemption is conditioned are:

- (1) A person entitled to claim said exemption must register with the Brazoria County Appraisal District between January 1 and April 30 of the tax year in which he wishes to claim said exemption.
- (2) Said person shall give a sworn affidavit concerning his particular disability and ownership of property and any other facts required by the Brazoria County Appraisal District on forms to be prepared by the Brazoria County Appraisal District.
- (3) A valid certified copy of an authorization from Federal Old-Age, Survivors or Disability Insurance agencies, certified if deemed necessary by the Brazoria County Appraisal District, shall constitute good and sufficient proof of the disability of the claimant. The Brazoria County Appraisal District may consider other proof of disability and the judgment of said appraisal district shall be final.

Joint or community owners of property may not each receive the same exemption provided by or pursuant to this section for the same residence homestead in the same year. An eligible disabled person who is sixty-five (65) years of age or older may not receive both a disabled and an elderly residence homestead exemption, as provided elsewhere in this ordinance, but may choose either.

SECTION 3: That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

FIRST AND FINAL READING:

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 23rd day of September, 2004.

CITY OF HILLCREST VILLAGE, TEXAS

ATTEST:

JOHNNY VILLAREAL, MAYOR

SANDRA ORTEGA, CITY CLERK