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FROM: Dusty Rhodes (513-946-4047)

Hamilton County Auditor Dusty Rhodes announced that in an effort to assist senior and disabled county residents he has reopened this year's application period for the Homestead Exemption Program.

"Because of a change in State law that takes effect next year we are extending the application deadline to December 2," said Rhodes. "We have learned that under these unique circumstances we can continue to accept applications," he added.

There is no need for those already signed up to re-apply.

But those who:

- Are not enrolled in Homestead and have not applied this year AND
- Owned and occupied their home as of 1/1/2013 AND
- Are 65 or older or will turn 65 in 2013 OR were 100% disabled as of 1/1/2013

should contact our office.

"Property owners turning 65 on or after January 1, 2014 will be subject to an income test to qualify for this exemption. Those on the program will not be affected by the income test. That makes it important for us to make this special effort to register every eligible property owner before this year ends," said Rhodes.

The exemption allows senior citizens and permanently and totally disabled Ohioans to reduce their property tax burden by shielding some of the market value of their home from taxation. The exemption takes the form of a credit on property-tax bills, also allows qualifying homeowners to exempt the first \$25,000 of the market value of their home from all local property taxes.

Rhodes urged eligible owners to either check the Homestead page under the "Departments" box on the main page of the website hcauditor.org or to call the Homestead office at 513-946-4099 for a Homestead application. A copy of a current Ohio driver's license can be presented as proof of age with an application.

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