



## REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FROM PUBLIC RECORDS DISCLOSURE

(119.071(4), Florida Statutes)

Pursuant to Section 119.071(4), F.S., it is the policy of the State of Florida that all state, county and municipal records, which are not exempt by law, be open for inspection and copying by any person. It is the duty of this agency to provide public access to non-exempt records we maintain in the most efficient way possible, preferably by remote electronic access via our website.

Florida Statutes provide a limited list of property owners (and their spouses and children) who may qualify to have their home addresses, phone numbers, and in some cases additional data, protected in our records.

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Complete this form to request exemption from public records disclosure for property you own in Sumter County, Florida, if you are law enforcement personnel, firefighter, judge, state attorney, or other qualified personnel as defined in 119.071(4) or 493.6122, Florida Statutes.

**Incomplete submissions that cannot be verified by the Property Appraiser will not be processed and will be returned to sender.** If information supplied is insufficient to make a determination, the Property Appraiser may require additional information. Attach any additional evidence or documentation, verifiable by the Property Appraiser, to support your claim of qualification.

The Property Appraiser is not responsible for blocking addresses on parcels or accounts for which a form has not been received, qualified and approved.

If this request is for a newly purchased property for which your name does not yet appear on the tax roll records, a copy of the new deed must be attached.

The Sumter County Recording Office -- which is independent of our office -- also offers separate confidentiality services related to recorded documents available online such as deeds. The Recording Office requires a separate application. Contact the Clerk of Courts office at (352)569-6600 for more information.



## APPLICATION FOR CONFIDENTIAL LISTING

I \_\_\_\_\_ (PRINT NAME) am requesting the suppression of certain personal information contained in my property record from the Property Appraiser's public records.

Please provide the Account Number/Parcel ID, owner name and address of the property to be suppressed:

Account Number/Parcel ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Property Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Mailing Address Change (if applicable) - I request your office change my mailing address to:

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I request my personal information appearing in the records of the Sumter County Property Appraiser's Office be held in confidence, pursuant to Sections 119.071, 493.6122 and 633.408, Florida Statutes, because I belong to the following qualifying category (check applicable box below):

Current or former sworn law enforcement personnel; and/or their spouse or child. 119.071(4)(d)2.a

Current or former civilian personnel employed by a law enforcement agency; and/or their spouse or child. 119.071(4)(d)2.a

Current or former correctional officer or probation officer; and/or their spouse or child. 119.071(4)(d)2.a

Current or former investigative personnel of the Department of Children and Families; and/or their spouse or child. 119.071(4)(d)2.a

Current or former investigative personnel of the Department of Health whose duties are to support the investigation of child abuse or neglect or whose duties include, or result in, the determination or adjudication of eligibility for social security disability benefits, the investigation or prosecution of complaints filed against health care practitioners, or the inspection of health care practitioners, or health care facilities licensed by the Department of Health; and/or their spouse or child. 119.071(4)(d)2.a and 119.071(4)(d)2.o

Current or former personnel of the Department of Revenue or local governments whose responsibilities include revenue collection and enforcement or child support enforcement; and/or their spouse or child. 119.071(4)(d)2.a

Current or former nonsworn investigative personnel of the Department of Financial Services or Office of Financial Regulation's Bureau of Financial Investigations whose duties include the investigation of fraud, theft, worker's compensation coverage requirements and compliance, other related criminal activities, or state regulatory requirement violations; and/or their spouse or child. 119.071(4)(d)2.b and c

Current and retired firefighters certified pursuant to FL Stat. 633.408; and/or their spouse or child. 119.071(4)(d)2.d

Current or former state court judges; or Justices of the Supreme Court and/or their spouse or child. 119.071(4)(d)2.e

Current or former state attorneys, assistant state attorneys, statewide prosecutors or assistant statewide prosecutors; and/or their spouse or child. 119.071(4)(d)2.f

Current or former general magistrates, special magistrates, judges of compensation claims, administrative law judges of the Division of Administrative Hearings & child support enforcement hearing officers; and/or their spouse or child. 119.071(4)(d)2.g

Current or former human resource, labor relations, or employee relations directors, assistant directors, managers or assistant managers of any local government agency or water management district whose duties include hiring and firing employees, labor contract negotiation, administration, or other personnel-related duties, and/or their spouse or child. 119.071(4)(d)2.h

Current or former code enforcement officers; and/or their spouse or child. 119.071(4)(d)2.i

Current or former guardian ad litem as defined in s. 39.820; and/or their spouse or child in accordance with §39.820. F. 119.071(4)(d)2.j

Current or former juvenile probation officers, juvenile probation supervisors, detention superintendents, assistant detention superintendents, juvenile justice detention officers I and II, juvenile justice detention officer supervisors, juvenile justice residential officers, juvenile justice residential officer supervisors I and II, detention superintendents, assistant detention superintendents, juvenile justice detention officers I and II, juvenile justice counselors, juvenile justice counselor supervisors, human services counselor administrators, senior human services counselor administrators, rehabilitation therapists and social services counselors of the Department of Juvenile Justice; and/or their spouse or child. 119.071(4)(d)2.k

Current or former public defenders, assistant public defenders, criminal conflict & civil regional counsel, assistant criminal conflict & civil regional counsel; and/or their spouse or child. 119.071(4)(d)2.l

Current or former investigators or inspector of the Department of Business and Professional Regulations; and/or their spouse or child. 119.071(4)(d)2.m

Current or former county tax collectors; and/or their spouse or child. 119.071(4)(d)2.n

Current or former impaired practitioner consultants (or their employees) who are retained by an agency whose duties result in a determination of a person's skill & safety to practice a licensed profession; and/or their spouse or child. 119.071(4)(d)2.p

Current or former emergency medical technicians or paramedics certified under chapter 401; and/or their spouse or child. 119.071(4)(d)2.q

Current or former personnel employed in an agency's office of inspector general or internal audit department whose duties include auditing or investigating waste, fraud, abuse, theft, exploitation, or other activities which could lead to criminal prosecution or administrative discipline; and/or their spouse or child. 119.071(4)(d)2.r

Current or former directors, managers, supervisors, nurses, and clinical employees of an addiction treatment facility which is licensed pursuant to FL Stat. 397.401; and/or their spouse or child. 119.071(4)(d)2.s

Current or former directors, managers, supervisors, and clinical employees of a child advocacy center operating pursuant to FL Stat. 39.3035(2) or a member of a child protection team as described in Statute 39.303 whose duties include supporting the investigation of child abuse or sexual abuse, child abandonment, child neglect, and child exploitation or to provide services as part of a multidisciplinary case review team; their spouse or child. 119.071(4)(d)2.t

Current or former United States attorney, assistant United States attorney, Judge of the United States Courts of Appeal, United States district judge, or United States magistrate; and/or their spouse or child. By checking this box ( ) I am providing a written statement that I have made reasonable efforts to protect the identification and location information from being accessible through other means available to the public. 119.071(5)(i)1.a. **Note: Both boxes must be checked for approval.**

Current or former member of the Armed Forces of the United States, a reserve component of the Armed Forces of the US, or the National Guard, who served after September 11, 2001; and/or their spouse or dependent. By checking this box ( ) I am providing a written statement that I have made reasonable efforts to protect the identification and location information from being accessible through other means available to the public. **(Proof of service must be provided.)** 119.071(k)1. **Note: Both boxes must be checked for approval. Repealed Chapter 2021-52 Senate Bill No 310**

A current private investigator or recovery agent holding a current Class C, CC, E, EE license in accordance with §493.6122, F.S. (A copy of the license must accompany this request).493.6122

Victim of sexual battery, aggravated child abuse, aggravated stalking, harassment, aggravated battery, or domestic violence. **Must include official verification that an applicable crime has occurred. Note: this information will be public again in 5 years unless a new form is filed prior to the expiration of the 5 year period.** 119.071(2)(j)1.

The address of a victim of an incident of mass violence. Florida Statute 119.071(2)(o) defines "incident of mass violence" as an incident in which four or more people, not including the perpetrator, are severely injured or killed by an intentional and indiscriminate act of violence of another. The term "victim" means a person killed or injured during an incident of mass violence, not including the perpetrator. 119.071(2)(o)

Current or former public guardian or an employee of a public guardian who has the ability to direct any transaction of a ward's funds, assets, or property; or an employee who under the supervision of the guardian, manages the care of the ward; or an employee of a public guardian who makes any health care decision on behalf the ward. 744.21031

Victim of domestic violence participating in Address Confidentiality Program [FS 741.465]

Current or former staff and domestic violence advocates 119.071(2)(u)

Current or former inspectors or investigators of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services 119.071(2)(v)

**OFFICE OF EMPLOYMENT:** \_\_\_\_\_ **EMPLOYEE ID NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_

**OFFICE ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**JOB/POSITION HELD:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ATTACH THE FOLLOWING: A legible copy of employee ID/Badge with photo, valid state-issued driver's license and additional evidence or documentation to support your qualification for exempt status**

**SUPERVISOR'S NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **SUPERVISOR'S PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**IF YOU ARE RETIRED FROM OR FORMERLY EMPLOYED IN THIS POSITION, PROVIDE A CONTACT PHONE NUMBER TO THE HUMAN RESOURCES DIVISION FOR VERIFICATION OF PRIOR EMPLOYMENT:**

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTICE: READ THOROUGHLY AND INITIAL EACH ITEM:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Upon submittal of this request, I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Sumter County Property Appraiser's Office and staff for actions, events, situations, or unintended consequences that may be the direct or indirect result of this request.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that by suppressing information, no data held in the records of the Property Appraiser regarding my name, my spouse's name, my mailing address, and the official record book and page number/instrument number of recorded documents related to my property, will appear on the Property Appraiser's website. The information provided on this request is itself held exempt from public records disclosure by the Property Appraiser; however, it may be released upon entry of a court order.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand this request does not cover the blocking of my street address (same as situs, physical, or location), the legal description, or other information, such as property characteristics, within the Property Appraiser's records so long as my name or personal information otherwise exempt from inspection and copying are not associated with the property or otherwise displayed in the public records of the Property Appraiser.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand the suppression of my information may present issues should I later choose to list my property for sale, refinance, shop for insurance, or attempt to pull permits for work performed to the property such as roofing, air conditioning, fencing, etc.; as most companies engaged in these industries rely upon data published in the public records of the Property Appraiser and it is my responsibility to retain copies of my deed and tax notices to supply to agents, contractors, or permitting agencies, for such purposes.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand the Property Appraiser is not responsible for information contained other public websites, or on private business sites such as Zillow, or search engine sites such as Google, Bing, and Yahoo. Such sites may have previously obtained property information from this office, from a property data brokerage company, or may have previously scraped and cached property information.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that, if approved, my information will be redacted from the Property Appraiser's website during the next regularly scheduled update. Therefore, I understand that my information will be updated as timely as possible and feasible by the Property Appraiser. I understand it cannot and will not be removed from the site immediately upon submission of this request due to update cycles.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand this request is subject only to the information for which the Property Appraiser is the data steward and does not cover the blocking of my name and address from documents such as but not limited to deeds, mortgages, liens, permits, and notices, that are recorded in the public records of the Sumter County Clerk of Court or held by any other government agencies, and which may be linked via a web link to or from the Property Appraiser's website. For suppression of documents held by any other agency, you MUST contact those agencies directly.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that information exempt from public disclosure under Florida Statute 193.074, is subject to the inspection and copying requirements of Florida's Public Records Law when it has been submitted by a taxpayer to a Value Adjustment Board as evidence in an assessment dispute.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that if I am a Magistrate, Private Investigator, or other, who is eligible for this records exemption only for the duration of employment, it is my responsibility to notify the Property Appraiser and submit a Request for Removal of Confidentiality should I no longer qualify under the statute.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that before my information may be released, I must provide a written, notarized, request that specifies the information to be released, along with a copy of my current photo ID. I understand that a co-owner may obtain information by providing a written notarized request and current photo ID that matches the name on record with the Property Appraiser. A co-owner will not be able to request the removal of the exemption from public records disclosure without a copy of a death certificate of the original applicant.

\_\_\_\_\_ Lastly, I understand that the Property Appraiser may release my name and mailing address, upon request, to a governmental agency having a statutory requirement for notification-to-owner, pursuant to Florida Attorney General Opinion 2017-05.

IF YOU BELIEVE YOU SHOULD BE PROTECTED BUT ARE NOT COVERED BY FLORIDA STATUTES: Please know, the Property Appraiser's office does not determine the classifications of property owners who may qualify for exemption from public records disclosure (protected name and/or address status). Protections provided in statute are created by the Florida Legislature. If you believe an additional classification or position should be protected by statute, contact your local legislator or the Florida Legislature to express your concerns.

**ATTESTATION AND SIGNATURE/NOTARY:**

I hereby affirm the above information to be true and correct; that I qualify for this exemption as personnel defined in Florida Statutes; and that by signing below I fully understand and agree to the policies and practices of the Property Appraiser's office regarding matters set-forth here within; and that I have read and understand the aforementioned and availed myself of the opportunity to ask any questions of the Property Appraiser, seek clarification, or obtain information prior to this action being requested.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

State of Florida

County of \_\_\_\_\_

The foregoing instrument was sworn to and subscribed before me by means of  physical appearance or  online notarization this day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ , by,

\_\_\_\_\_, who  is personally known to me or  who has produced \_\_\_\_\_, as identification.

[Notary Stamp]

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public, State of Florida

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE & EMAIL (a minimum of one phone number is required)

Home \_\_\_\_\_

Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

**COPY OF DRIVER LICENCE AND WORK ID MUST BE ATTACHED**

Return to: Sumter County Property Appraiser

ATTN: Alicia Kelly

Customer Service Manager 218 E. Mccollum Avenue Bushnell, Florida 33513-6124

Or scan and email to: Alicia.Kelly@sumtercountyfl.gov