

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF _____

**FIRST RESPONDER APPLICATION FOR ADDITIONAL HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION, PURSUIT TO ACT 179 OF 2023
REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

BEFORE ME, the undersigned Notary Public, duly commissioned and qualified within and for the State and Parish
aforesaid, personally came and appeared _____ representing

(Department Head)

_____, who, being by me first duly sworn, attested that

(First Responder Jurisdiction Name)

_____, meets the following requirements:

(First Responder Name)

_____ Full Time employee. **AND**

(initials)

_____ Duties include responding rapidly to an emergency. **AND**

(initials)

_____ Resides in the jurisdictional Parish of employer. **AND**

(initials)

_____ Is a Peace Officer (Sheriff, Police Officer, other person deputized by proper authority to serve as a
(initials) peace officer) **OR** Fire protection personnel **OR** Certified Emergency services personnel **OR**
Emergency response operator **OR** Emergency services dispatcher.

(Department Head)

(Printed Name)

(Title)

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, THIS _____ DAY OF _____,
(Day) (Month) (Year)

Notary Public

Printed Name

Commission Number

BEFORE ME, the undersigned Notary Public, duly commissioned and qualified within and FOR THE State and Parish
aforesaid, personally came and appeared _____, who declares that they meet the

(First Responder Name)

aforesaid qualifications pursuant to Act 179 of the 2023 Regular Legislative Session.

(First Responder Signature)

(Printed Name)

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, THIS _____ DAY OF _____,
(Day) (Month) (Year)

Notary Public

Printed Name

Commission Number

**Louisiana Revised Statute Title 47, Section 1703 provides a maximum penalty of \$500 and six months
imprisonment for any person who knowingly furnishes false information for the purpose of procuring any tax
exemption or benefit.**

Internal Use Only:

(Property ID Number)

(Address of Property)

ACT 179 of the 2023 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature

Who is a Qualified First Responder by definition of Act 179:

1. Volunteer Firefighter:

- A. who has completed (within the tax year) no fewer than 24 hours of firefighter continuing education, **AND**
- B. an active member of the Louisiana State Fireman's Association, **OR**
- C. on the departmental personnel roster of the Volunteer Firefighter Insurance Program.
- D. Does **NOT** have to be full-time.
- E. Does **Not** have to reside in the Parish.

(A + [B or C] = qualified)

2. "First Responders"

- A. Full-time **public** (must be government employees) employees:
 - a. Must be **Full-Time**.
 - b. Duties include responding rapidly to an emergency. (don't actually have to respond, just included in their duties).
 - c. Must **reside** in the Parish of employer.
 - d. Term includes the following:
 - i. Peace officer – Sheriff, Police officer, Other person deputized by proper authority to serve as a peace officer (State Police, DWLF, FBI, ATF, CIA, Secret Service or others).
 - ii. Fire protection personnel.
 - iii. Certified emergency medical services personnel.
 - iv. Emergency response operator or emergency services dispatcher (Home Land Security?).

Steps to implement exemption:

- 1. **MUST** be approved by Parish governing body.
- 2. Assessor establishes a procedure (application).
- 3. **Must** apply annually.
 - a. **Retirees** do not qualify.
 - b. **Surviving Spouses** do not qualify.
- 4. Can only qualify in the tax year applying.