HOMESTEAD EXEMPTED PROPERTY
DAMAGED OR DESTROYED BY MISFORTUNE OR CALAMITY AND IS UNINHABITABLE
§196.031(6), Florida Statutes

Please complete and submit this form when homestead property is damaged or destroyed by misfortune or calamity and the property is uninhabitable.

Parcel Number: _____

Property Owner(s):_____

Homestead Property Address: Temporary Mailing Address:

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Date of damage: _____   Expected date of return to occupancy: _____

Description of damage and Comments: (attach additional pages if needed)

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☐ I attest that my homestead property (listed above) is uninhabitable due to damage or destruction by misfortune or calamity. It is my intent to repair or rebuild the dwelling and to re-occupy the homestead property as my permanent primary residence. I will not claim homestead exemption elsewhere.

I understand that under section 196.031(6), Florida Statutes, failure to commence the repair or rebuilding of the homestead property within 3 years after January 1 following the property's damage or destruction constitutes abandonment of the property as a homestead. After the 3-year period, the expiration, lapse, nonrenewal, or revocation of a building permit issued to the property owner for such repairs or rebuilding also constitutes abandonment of the property as homestead.

I will contact the Property Appraiser's Office if my status or eligibility for homestead exemption has changed. I will provide any documentation requested by the Property Appraiser's Office to confirm my status or eligibility for the homestead exemption.

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☐ I do not intend on repairing or rebuilding on the property and no longer claim the property as my primary residence. Please remove the homestead exemption from the above-referenced property.

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Florida law provides severe penalties for those who receive exemptions to which they are not entitled. The property shall be subject to the taxes exempted plus 15% interest per annum and a penalty of 50% of the taxes exempted for up to 10 years. I understand that under section 196.131(2), Florida Statutes, any person who knowingly and willfully gives false information to claim homestead exemption is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable by imprisonment up to one year, a fine up to $5,000, or both.

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing form and the facts in it are true.

_____   _____
Property Owner's Signature   Co-Property Owner's Signature

_____   _____
Print Property Owner's Name   Print Co-Property Owner Name

_____   _____   _____   _____
Date   Phone   Date   Phone