

CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, FLORIDA

ORDINANCE NO. 522

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, FLORIDA PROVIDING AN ADDITIONAL HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FOR PERSONS SIXTY-FIVE YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER AND MEETING CERTAIN INCOME REQUIREMENTS; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 196.075, Florida Statutes, the Legislature has authorized municipalities to provide additional homestead exemption for persons sixty-five (65) years and older; and

WHEREAS, the City of Springfield has determined that it is in the best interest of the City to provide an additional homestead exemption for persons sixty-five (65) years and older; provided that such persons meet the household income limitations of Section 196.075, Florida Statutes.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. In accordance with Section 6(d), Art. VII of the Constitution of the State of Florida, and pursuant to Section 196.075, Florida Statutes, the City of Springfield does hereby allow an additional homestead exemption of \$25,000 for any person who has the legal or equitable title to real estate and maintains thereon his or her permanent residence, who has attained age sixty-five (65) and whose household income does not exceed the income limitation described in Section 2 below.

SECTION 2. Pursuant to the formula contained in Section 196.075(3) Florida Statutes, the income exemption for 2014 ad valorem taxes is \$27,994.00. The income limitation of \$27,994.00 shall be adjusted annually, beginning January 1, 2015, and every January 1 thereafter, by the percentage change in the average cost-of-living index in the period January 1 through December 31 of the immediate prior year compared with the same period for the year prior to that. The index is the average of the monthly consumer-price-index

figures for the stated twelve-month period relative to the United States as a whole, issued by the United States Department of Labor.

SECTION 3. This additional homestead exemption of \$25,000 applies only to taxes levied by the City of Springfield including its dependent special districts and municipal service taxing units.

SECTION 4. Any taxpayer claiming the exemption must annually submit to the property appraiser, not later than March 1, a sworn statement of household income on a form prescribed by the Department of Revenue.

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall be delivered to the Property Appraiser no later than December 1, 2014. Any person entitled to the homestead exemption in §196.031, Florida Statutes, may apply for and receive additional homestead exemption as provided herein. Receipt of the additional homestead exemption provided for herein shall be subject to the provision of §196.131 and §196.161, Florida Statutes, if applicable.

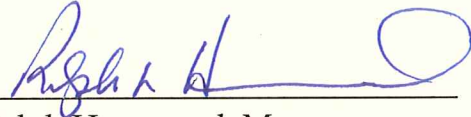
SECTION 6. If title is held jointly with right of survivorship, the person residing on the property and otherwise qualifying may receive the entire amount of the additional homestead exemption.

SECTION 7. The provisions of this Ordinance are severable; and if any section, subsection, sentence, clause or provision is held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION 8. All ordinances, resolution or parts thereof, including but not limited to Chapter 27900, Laws of Florida (1951), as amended (which became a City ordinance pursuant to and upon enactment of Section 166.021(5), Florida Statutes), which are inconsistent or in conflict herewith are hereby repealed and of no further force and effect.


SECTION 9. This Ordinance shall be in force and take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption by the City Commission.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the City Commission of the City of Springfield, Florida, this 3RD Day of November, 2014.



Ralph Hammond, Mayor

ATTEST:



D. Lee Penton, City Clerk