

2007  
LEGAL NOTICE  
4% LEGAL RESIDENCE

If you initially filed an application for classification of property as a legal residence, no additional application requirements are necessary to maintain the current classification of your property unless the property uses changes.

If your legal residence changed during 2006 (purchased a new home, built a new home, or changed residences to a different home you own), you must make application for your new legal residence for tax year 2007. Applications will be mailed on May 30.

You must attach a photocopy of your South Carolina Drivers License and your South Carolina Vehicle (s) Registration showing the physical location of the residence that you are applying. If you are military we would require a copy of PSC Orders and your Military ID.

Applications will not be processed if this information is not returned along with the application.

AGRICULTURAL PROPERTY

All owners of agricultural property must apply for the special use value classification for property tax purposes. To ensure the agricultural classification is being granted only for true agricultural purpose, state law was amended in 1994 to create additional criteria for qualifying for the reduced property tax rate.

Agricultural property is used for raising crops, animals and trees, among other purposes. The assessor's office will be mailing applications to NEW owners of property. However, if a property owner does not receive an application in the mail, the owner should contact the Assessor's office. Failure to receive an application in the mail does not relieve a property owner of the obligation to file an application.

Agricultural & Legal Residence property owners should file their application by July 16, to ensure their tax bill reflects the lower rate.

If a property use changes, where the property no longer qualifies for the legal residence or the agricultural value classification, it is the owner's responsibility to notify the Assessor's office of such change within six months of the property use change. Failure to notify the Assessor's office of such change may constitute a penalty plus interest on the property owner tax bill.

For Further Information, Please Contact:  
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