

RE: Parcel # 06002-A-00700

*On June 12, 2016 we received an anonymous email through our website saying that property located at 127 SE 35th Street in Keystone Heights, Florida had been receiving a homestead exemption but that no one had lived there for years. We began the review and process that we follow in all similar situations.

*Our review concluded that the property owner had been receiving an exemption to which they were not entitled. On June 28, 2016 we notified the property owner that we had removed the homestead exemption for 2016, as prescribed by Florida law.

*We met with the property owner and attorney Dan Sikes on July 8th, July 15th and July 18, 2016. During these meetings we informed the owner of our determination and of our intent to assess and collect the taxes that were escaped for the years 2008 through 2015, as prescribed by Florida law.

*On July 25, 2016 the owner paid \$ 8,716.28 to the Tax Collector which was the full amount due for the taxes escaped from 2008 through 2015, plus interest.

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PROPERTY APPRAISER

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June 29, 2016

#06002-A-00700
Charles E. Van Zant
127 SE 35th St.
Keystone Heights, FL 32656

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Van Zant:

The Bradford County Property Appraiser's Office has a web-site designed for searching Bradford County property assessment records. This site helps keep citizens informed about property assessments, exemptions, sales in our county, tax rates, etc.


From our site we have received a confidential report implying you were receiving a homestead exemption on a home where you had not lived at for several years. Upon receiving the report we visited your property and it appears that you are not in good faith residing on the property on which you are receiving the exemption. **We have removed your homestead exemption for 2016.**

We are in the process of reviewing and researching records which could result in our recovering taxes that should have been assessed on this property from 2008 to 2015. **Per the laws of the State of Florida if the property appraiser determines that for any year within the prior 10 years a person who was not entitled to a homestead exemption was granted an exemption, Florida Statutes provide for the recovery of unpaid taxes. Due to you receiving a homestead exemption for which you were not entitled to, a 50% penalty and 15% interest per year would be calculated.**

If you disagree with this denial you have 30 days to file an appeal with the Bradford County Value Adjustment Board.

If you feel this is in error or have any questions/ information that would be helpful, **please contact our office by July 8, 2016.**

Sincerely,



Shelly R. Bowen
Deputy Appraiser

Signed for on July 8, 2016

OFFICE OF

Tax Collector, Bradford COUNTY, FLORIDA

No 4316817A

RECEIVED from

Charles & Katherine Van Zant

Date *July 25*, 19*16*

Approved by Gerald Lewis, Comptroller

FOR:

<i>1st parcel parcel #</i>	\$
<i>06002-A-00700</i>	\$
	\$
	\$

Jeresa Phillips

OFFICER

By *Jeresa Phillips*

TOTAL \$ *8716.28*

Charles E. Van Zant
Katherine Van Zant
Keystone Heights, FL 32656

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Pay to the Order of *Jeresa Phillips Bradford Tax Collector* \$ *8,716.²⁸/₁₀₀*

Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Sixteen & 28/100 Dollars

BBVZ Compass
Keystone Heights, FL

For *Charles E. Van Zant* MP

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