

INSTRUCTIONS

The application for a home improvement exemption must be filed with the Department of Assessments **BEFORE** completion of construction of the remodel or addition.

To locate information regarding your property, you can check your property tax bill or visit our website at:

www.kingcounty.gov/assessor.

Click on the large box marked eReal Property Search.

Click on the acknowledgements and agreements

Enter your Parcel Number and hit search **OR** Enter your Address and hit search

The Home Improvement Exemption:

1. *Applies to a SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING which means a detached dwelling unit and/or an accessory dwelling unit, whether attached to or within the single-family dwelling or as a detached unit on the same real property.*

2. *If approved, the exemption will provide property tax relief for three (3) years. Applications received by July 31st will commence with the following tax year. Applications received after July 31st will commence with the second future tax year.*

Examples: Applications received by 7/31/2021, if approved, will provide tax relief for 2022, 2023 and 2024.

Applications received on 8/1/2021 or later, if approved, will provide tax relief for 2023, 2024 and 2025.

3. *May be used for remodels or additions, which are normally associated with single family homes and/or attached or detached accessory dwelling units.*

The addition of a carport, garage or deck would be considered.

According to state law, the work:

Must add value to the structure – our appraisal staff will make this determination.

May not be considered normal maintenance such as painting, new roof, gutters or siding.

May not be an outbuilding such as a shed, barn or pool house and does not include pools or fences.

4. *The exemption may not be more than 30% of the PRE-improvement value of the structure.*

PRE-improvement generally refers to the assessed value the year prior to the start of your construction.

Please mail your completed forms to:

Department of Assessments

Accounting Support Section

201 South Jackson St., Room 708

Seattle, WA 98104-2384

If you have questions or need additional information, please call 206-263-2338 and we will be glad to assist you.