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Dear Providence Taxpayer:

This year, the City of Providence has changed the requirements to qualify for the homestead exemption for real estate tax. Beginning this year, Providence residents must demonstrate that they register their motor vehicles at their Providence address in order to qualify for the homestead exemption. Beginning this year, persons who garage their motor vehicles in Providence for 30 days or more, but who choose to register those cars elsewhere, will no longer qualify for the homestead exemption. If a person has at least one motor vehicle registered in Providence, it will be presumed that the person is eligible for the homestead exemption.

However, there are other situations in which you may qualify for the homestead exemption, including the following:

- You own a motor vehicle registered at your homestead address, but it is exempt from tax because of its low dollar value.
- You do not own a motor vehicle at all.
- You own a leased motor vehicle.

In addition to the new motor vehicle registration requirement, you **MUST** file by mail or in person with the City Assessor's Office the enclosed declaration of homestead and a copy of **ONE** of the following:

- Rhode Island Driver's License
- Homeowner's Insurance Policy (declaration page)
- Automobile Insurance Policy (declaration page)

To demonstrate your eligibility, please fill out the enclosed form and include supporting documentation and return it by March 15, 2012 to the address below. If you deliver the application to the Assessor's Office in person, please be sure to get a copy of your stamped received application from our office. If you are mailing us your application, please be sure to include a self-addressed stamped envelope and we will send you a copy of your stamped application.

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