

ORDINANCE 2007- 03

**AN ORDINANCE OF WALTON COUNTY, FLORIDA,
AMENDING WALTON COUNTY ORDINANCE 2000-12 TO
RAISE THE ADDITIONAL HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION
FOR PERSONS 65 AND OLDER FROM \$25,000.00 TO
\$50,000.00; AND SETTING A RETROACTIVE EFFECTIVE
DATE.**

WHEREAS, Article VII, § 6 (f) of the Florida Constitution and § *196.075* of the Florida Statutes authorize counties to adopt ordinances allowing an additional homestead exemption on the homesteaded property of any person who has attained the age of *65* and whose household income does not exceed \$20,000; and

WHEREAS, in November 2006, the voters of Florida amended Article VII, § 6 (f) of the Florida Constitution authorizing counties to increase said additional homestead exemption from \$25,000 to up to \$50,000; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature has passed House Bill 333 to amend § *196.075*, Florida Statutes to authorize counties to increase the additional homestead exemption from \$25,000 to up to \$50,000; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Walton County adopted Walton County Ordinance 2000-12 to allow the additional homestead exemption in the amount of \$25,000; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Walton County finds it is in the best interests of the people of Walton County to increase the additional homestead exemption to \$50,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of County Commissioners of Walton County, Florida, that:

Section 1. Section 2 of Walton County Ordinance 2000-12 is hereby amended to read:

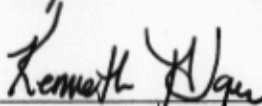
“2. The additional exemption shall be in the amount of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00)”

Section 2. SEVERABILITY. Should any word, phrase, sentence or section of this ordinance be held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be illegal, void, unenforceable or unconstitutional then such shall be severed from this ordinance and the remainder of the ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

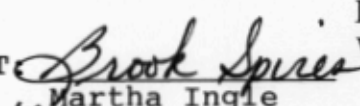
Section 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall be effective upon filing with the Secretary of State and shall then be effective retroactively to January 1, 2007.

ADOPTED in an advertised public hearing of the Board of County

Commissioners this 24th day of April, 2007.



Kenneth Pridden, Chair
Board of County Commissioners
Walton County, Florida

ATTEST 
for Martha Ingle
Clerk