



## **CONFIDENTIAL PROPERTIES: Information Limitations**

**Please be aware of the impacts of protecting your home address from the public record.**

Florida's open government laws (Florida Statute 119.071) provide for public access to records unless specifically exempted by the Florida Legislature.

Once approved for confidential status, our office must remove the name of the individual, their mailing address, and the Official Records book and page number identifying the property from all publicly available records we maintain.

However, we may **not** remove the street address, legal description, parcel identification number, or other information identifying real property within our records.

Property owners who apply and qualify for confidential status at our office will NOT be able to:

- Online file for homestead exemption
- Utilize the online Tax Estimator function
- Receive property information over the telephone
- Receive unredacted records through the mail without notarized release
- Request us to provide property related data without a **notarized** release to contractors, mortgage companies, realtors, appraisers, and all others

To release any exempted information related to a confidential address, the protected owner must come to our office in person, produce personal identification, and sign a release OR submit a notarized written release which specifies the information to be released, and the party who is authorized to receive the information.

### **NOTE:**

- Florida Statute also allows for the release of this information to title companies and Florida attorneys without approval from the property owner. The individual is required to attest to needing the information for a valid, specified reason.
- A new application must be filed when property is sold or new property is purchased.
- Address blocking is only for documents in Seminole County Property Appraiser public records. To block info on the Clerk of the Court site, contact their office at (407) 665-7336.

**To apply for confidential status, submit a CONFIDENTIALITY APPLICATION to our office with supporting documentation.**

**Please contact our office at 407-665-7506 or visit our website at [scpafl.org](http://scpafl.org) with any questions.**