

BENTON COUNTY MOBILE HOME APPLICATION FOR HOMESTEAD CLASSIFICATION

Parcel # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Legal Description: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Park: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lot # \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 FOR OFFICE USE:  
 Full Year \_\_\_\_\_ Payable Year \_\_\_\_\_  
 Midyear \_\_\_\_\_ Payable Year \_\_\_\_\_  
 Past Seasonal Use \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No  
 APPROVED: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date \_\_\_\_\_ By \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*READ THE BACK OF THIS APPLICATION BEFORE FILLING IT OUT\*\*\*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Daytime: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Evening: \_\_\_\_\_  
 DESCRIPTION OF MOBILE HOME:  
 Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Size: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Serial #: \_\_\_\_\_

OWNERS MUST PROVIDE A COPY OF TITLE IN ORDER TO BE GRANTED HOMESTEAD. IF PURCHASING ON A CONTRACT FOR TITLE, YOU MUST PROVIDE A NOTORIZED COPY OF THE CONTRACT.

1. Purchase Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupancy Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Price: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Marital Status: \_\_\_\_\_ Single \_\_\_\_\_ Married \_\_\_\_\_ Divorced/Separated
3. Was the previous owner occupying this property January 2nd? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Is this property your permanent \_\_\_\_\_ or seasonal home \_\_\_\_\_?
5. Address given on drivers license, bank accounts, and Minnesota Income Tax returns: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
6. Do you own other property receiving homestead classification in Minnesota? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, what county: \_\_\_\_\_  
 what city or township: \_\_\_\_\_

Each owner who occupies this property as their primary residence must sign, date and provide their social security number below. If married, spouse's signature and social security number needed also.

Signature	Date	Social Security Number
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\*\*IF APPLYING FOR A MIDYEAR HOMESTEAD, WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYMENT OF CURRENT YEAR TAXES ( )? \_\_\_\_\_  
 \*Responsible Party's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

IF YOU SELL THIS PROPERTY, OR IF YOU CHANGE YOUR PRIMARY RESIDENCE, STATE LAW REQUIRES YOU TO NOTIFY YOUR COUNTY ASSESSOR WITHIN 30 DAYS.

Complete and return this form to the Benton County Assessor's Office, 531 Dewey St., PO Box 129, Foley, MN 56329. If questions, call 320-968-5019, or TDD# 320-968-8842.

APPLICATION MUST BE RETURNED NO LATER THAN May 29, \_\_\_\_\_.

## APPLYING FOR THE HOMESTEAD CLASSIFICATION

To apply for the homestead classification for your residence, you must fill out this application. To qualify for the homestead classification, you must:

- Occupy the property listed on this application as your primary residence; and
- Be one of the owners of the property listed on this application; and
- Be a Minnesota resident.

Your county assessor will determine whether you are a Minnesota resident for purposes of qualifying for the homestead application. You may be considered to be a Minnesota resident if all or some of the following conditions apply to you.

- You are registered to vote in Minnesota;
- You have a valid Minnesota driver's license;
- You file a Minnesota income tax return;
- You list a property in Minnesota as your permanent mailing address;
- Your children, if any, attend school in Minnesota;
- You are not a resident of any other state or country.

State law requires that the Social Security number and signatures of the owners must be on this application. (Minnesota Statute 273.124, Subd. 13) If there is not enough space on the application for all required signatures and their Social Security numbers, use an extra sheet and include it with the application.

Social Security numbers are confidential information. (Minnesota Statute 13.02, subd 12) Under state law, they may be given by your county assessor to the Minnesota Department of Revenue for use in determining whether you and the owner of the property to whom you are related have applied for the homestead classification for other properties in the state. (Minnesota Statute 273.124, Subd. 13)

### Penalties

A property owner who obtains or attempts to obtain homestead classification for a property other than his or her primary place of residence or the primary place of residence of his or her relative is under state law subject to a fine of up to \$3,000 and/or up to one year of imprisonment. (Minnesota Statute 609.41) In addition, the property owner will be required to pay all tax which is due on the property based on its correct property class plus a penalty equal to the same amount. (Minnesota Statute 273.124, Subd. 13)

### Renewing your homestead classification

If this property is granted the homestead classification, it may not be necessary for you to reapply for the classification. However, at any time, the county assessor may require you to provide an additional application or such proof as they deem necessary to verify that you continue to meet the requirements of the homestead classification.

### If you move...

If at any time the property is sold, or you change your primary residence, state law requires you to notify the county assessor within 30 days. If you fail to notify the county assessor within 30 days of the change, you will be required to pay the tax which is due on the property based on its correct property class plus a penalty equal to the same amount.