BENTON COUNTY RELATIVE APPLICATION FOR HOMESTEAD CLASSIFICATION

DATE:_____

Parcel Number:_____

Legal Description:_____

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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:_____

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Telephone No.:

Daytime:_____

Evening:_____

*****OWNER'S SECTION*****

1. Purchase Date:_____

2. Do you own any other property receiving homestead classification in Minnesota?_____ If yes, what county:_____city/township_____

Each owner (including spouse) must sign, date and provide their social security number below.

Signature	Date	Social Security Number
Signature	Date	Social Security Number

RELATIVE'S SECTION**

1. Occupancy Date_____

2. Is this property your permanent _____ or seasonal home_____?

3. Address given on driver's license, bank accounts, and Minnesota Income Tax returns:_____

4. Do you own any other property receiving homestead clsssification in Minnesota?_____ If yes, what county:_____city/township_____

Relative (including spouse) who occupies this property as their primary residence must sign, date and provide social security number.

(Print Name Please)	Relationship to Owner)

Signature	Date	Social Security Number
Signature	Date	Social Security Number

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 DECEMBER 15, _____.

APPLYING FOR THE HOMESTEAD CLASSIFICATION

To apply for the homestead classification for a residential property or for farm land and buildings, you must fill out this application. To qualify for the homestead classification for a residential property, including a residence located on a farm property, you must:

- Occupy the property listed on this application as your primary residence; and
- Be one of the owners of the property or be at least one owner's child, stepchild, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, parent, stepparent, parent-in-law, grandchild, grand-parent, brother, brother-in-law, sister, sister-in-law, aunt, uncle, 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 signature of the qualifying relative and the Social Security number and signatures of the owners to whom the qualifying relative is related 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.