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Dear Property Owner:

RE: AGRICULTURAL PROPERTY OCCUPIED BY A FATHER, MOTHER, SON, DAUGHTER, GRANDSON, GRANDDAUGHTER, SISTER, OR BROTHER PARCEL # _____

If you have a qualifying relative (M.S. 273.124, Subd. 1 (d)) occupying your agricultural property and is used for homestead purposes, the owner may qualify for homestead treatment. The specific criteria are outlined below:

1. The homestead treatment must be limited to that which would be available if the related owner occupied the property.
2. The relative must be a **father, mother, son, daughter, grandson, granddaughter, sister, or brother** of the owner.
3. The owner must be a resident of Minnesota.
4. The owner must be not be receiving homestead treatment on any other agricultural property in Minnesota.
5. The owner must be limited to only one agricultural homestead per family.
6. The owner must submit the homestead application to the assessor.

If you meet all of the above mentioned criteria, please complete the enclosed applications and return them to us as soon as possible.

The "Relative Agricultural Homestead Affidavit" must be completed by the property owners. The "Relative Agricultural Homestead Application" must be completed by the relative occupying the property.

If you have any questions, please contact our office.

Sincerely,

Douglas County Assessors Office

Douglas County Relative Agricultural Homestead Application

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Owner Name: _____ Parcel #: _____
Relative Name: _____ Twp/City: _____
Sent By: _____ Date Sent: _____

(PLEASE READ THE ENCLOSED INFORMATION SHEET BEFORE COMPLETING THIS APPLICATION)

Property used for the purpose of a homestead by January 2 may be eligible for full homestead benefits. Property used for homestead purposes after January 2 but by December 1 may be eligible for a homestead. Upon application the Assessor will determine if this property is eligible for a homestead classification. The information you provide on this application will be verified.

Homestead Affidavit for The _____ Assessment Year for Taxes payable in the Year _____

Names(s) of owner(s) : _____

THE FOLLOWING IS TO BE COMPLETED BY RELATIVE(S) RESIDING IN HOME

I/We do hereby declare under the penalties of perjury* that I/We am/are the resident(s) of the property located at:

and that I/We maintain this property as my/our only homestead, receive no homestead benefits anywhere else in the United States, keep the majority of my/our personal effects at this residence and this is my/our primary place of residence.

1. How are you related to the owner? _____
2. Date you moved in: _____
3. What was your previous address? _____
4. Your mailing address is: _____
5. Your Minnesota Driver's License number: _____
6. Your Minnesota Driver's License address: _____
7. Spouse's Minnesota Driver's License number: _____
8. Spouse's Minnesota Driver's License address: _____
9. What city/township are you registered to vote in? _____
10. What city/township is your spouse registered to vote in? _____
11. If you have children, where will they attend school? _____
12. Do you file a Minnesota Income Tax Return? _____
13. Do you apply for a rent credit? _____
14. What address will you use on your income tax return? _____
15. Where are you employed? _____
16. Where is your spouse employed? _____

Application must include the signature and social security number of owner's relative(s) and their spouse(s) living at the property as their homestead.

Print Name Signature Social Security # Phone # Today's Date

Print Spouse's Name Signature Social Security # Phone # Today's Date

***609.41 FALSE TAX STATEMENT. Whoever, in making any statement oral or written, which is required or authorized by law to be made as a basis of imposing, reducing or abating any tax or assessment, intentionally makes any statement as to any material matter which he knows is false may be sentenced, unless otherwise provided by law, to imprisonment for not more than one year or to payment of a fine not more than \$3,000. or both. MINNESOTA STATUTES 1971.**

APPROVED _____ DENIED _____ REASON _____

DATE _____ SIGNATURE _____

APPLYING FOR THE HOMESTEAD CLASSIFICATION

To apply for the relative agricultural homestead as provided for in Minnesota Statute 273.124, Subd. 1 paragraph d, you must fill out this application.

To receive the relative agricultural homestead, the law requires both the qualifying relative and the owner to meet certain requirements. If ANY of these requirements are not met, you are not entitled to receive this classification.

As a qualifying relative you must:

- ◆ Be either a father, mother, son, daughter, grandson, granddaughter, sister, or brother of at least one of the property owners; and
- ◆ Be a Minnesota resident; and
- ◆ **Occupy the property as your primary place of residence.**

As the owner of the property you must:

- ◆ Be a Minnesota resident; and
- ◆ Be the parent, child, or sibling of at least one of the occupants of the property; and
- ◆ Not be receiving or claiming homestead on any other agricultural property in Minnesota.

Your assessor will determine whether you qualify for the homestead classification.

The following items must reflect the address of the property you are applying for the homestead on:

- ◆ Voters registration
- ◆ Driver's license(s)
- ◆ Vehicle registration
- ◆ Mailing address
- ◆ Income Tax

You cannot claim to be a resident of another state or county and any children attending K-12 should be attending a local school.

State law requires that the Social Security number and signature of the qualifying relative and their spouse 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

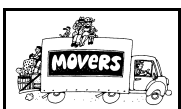
A property owner who obtains or attempts to obtain homestead classification for a property other than his or her primary place of residence or the primary place of residence of his or her relative is under state law subject to a fine of up to \$3000 and/or up to one year of imprisonment. (Minnesota Statute 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 will 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 have any questions, please call 320-762-3884.

Please return application to: **Douglas County Assessor's Office, 305 8th Ave W, Alexandria MN 56308.**



IF YOU MOVE.....

If 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.

RELATIVE AGRICULTURAL HOMESTEAD AFFIDAVIT

Primary Parcel # _____

I do declare under the penalties of perjury* that I own the property identified above and my father, mother, son, daughter, grandson, granddaughter, sister, or brother occupies this property as his/her homestead. I am a Minnesota Resident not claiming agricultural homestead elsewhere and this is the only agricultural homestead property I am claiming for my father, mother, any of my sons, daughters, grandsons, granddaughters, sisters, or brothers.

Owner Signature

Social Security #

Date

Owner Signature

Social Security #

Date

Owner Address : _____
: _____
: _____

Owner Telephone : _____

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