

## Armstrong County, Pennsylvania Application for Homestead and Farmstead Exclusions

Please Read Instructions before completing application. Applications must be filed with the County Assessors Office by **March 1<sup>st</sup>**.

### BASIC INFORMATION

1. Property Owner(s): \_\_\_\_\_
2. Property Address: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Municipality: \_\_\_\_\_ 4. School District: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_
6. Telephone Number of Property Owner: Daytime: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening: \_\_\_\_\_

### HOMESTEAD INFORMATION

7. Do you use this property as your primary residence? . . . . .  Yes  No
8. Do you claim anywhere else as your primary residence? . . . . .  Yes  No
9. a. Is your residence part of a cooperative or condominium where some or all of the property taxes are paid jointly? . . .  Yes  No
- b. If you answered yes to 9a, what is your proportionate share of ownership? . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_%
10. a. Is your property used for something other than your primary residence, such as a business or rental property? . . . . .  Yes  No
- b. If you answered yes to 10a, what percentage of this property is used for business or rental property? . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_%
11. CONTROL NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ MAP NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

### FARMSTEAD INFORMATION (Only Applicable to buildings and structures used for commercial agricultural production.)

12. Does this property include at least ten (10) contiguous acres of farm land? . . . . .  Yes  No
13. Are there buildings and structures on the property that are used primarily to:
- a. Produce or store any farm product for purposes of commercial agricultural production? . . . . .  Yes  No
- b. House animals raised or maintained on the farm for the purpose of commercial agricultural production? . .  Yes  No
- c. Store machinery or equipment used on the farm for the purpose of commercial agricultural production? . .  Yes  No
14. If you answered yes to question 13a, b or c, do any farm buildings or structures receive a property tax abatement? . . . . .  Yes  No

#### Change In Use

If your property is approved as homestead or farmstead property and the use changes so that the property no longer qualifies for the homestead or farmstead exclusion, you must notify the assessor within 45 days of the change in use. If the use of your property changes and you are not sure if it still qualifies for the homestead or farmstead exclusion, you should contact the assessor.

#### False or Fraudulent Applications

The assessor may select, randomly or otherwise, applications to review for false or fraudulent information. Any person who files an application that contains false information, or who does not notify the assessors of a change in use which no longer qualifies as homestead property, will:

- Be required to pay the taxes which would have been due but for the false application, plus interest.
- Be required to pay a penalty equal to 10% of the unpaid taxes.
- If convicted of filing a false application, be guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree and be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding \$2,500.

This application must be signed by an owner for whom this property is his or her primary residence. If the property has more than one owner, signatures of additional owners are not required. By signing and dating this application, the applicant is affirming or swearing that all information contained in the application is true and correct.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

For questions on the homestead or farmstead exclusion, please contact your local tax collector or the Armstrong County Assessment Office at 724-548-3217, Business hours: 8:00AM or 4:30PM MONDAY thru FRIDAY.

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Date Filed _____	Assessment Information:	Homestead Value: _____	
Date Reviewed _____	Land Value:	Farmstead Value: _____	
Applicable Years _____	Bldg Value:		
Reviewed By _____	Total :	[ ] APPROVED	[ ] DENIED