

Farm, Forest and Open Space Land
Classification

Instructions

1. FILING DATE - Not earlier than thirty (30) days before nor later than thirty (30) days after the date of assessment (December 1 thru January 30) annually, except that in the year of revaluation, not later than thirty (30) days after written notice of revaluation.
2. LISTING OF OWNERSHIP - List every individual, partnership or corporation having an interest in the land as owner. Attach separate sheet, if necessary.
3. DESCRIPTION - State plat and lot as shown on the official tax map. This information may be obtained from your tax bill. If it is necessary to give metes and bounds description, attach a separate sheet.
4. SIGNATURE AND VERIFICATION - In the case of multiple ownership, one of the owners may sign on behalf of the other co-owners, except corporate co-owners. Any such signer will be presumed to have authority to sign in behalf of the other non-corporate owners. In the case of a corporate owner, the full name of the corporation must be separately filled in, accompanied by the signature and title of the corporate officer authorized to sign the application in its behalf.
5. PROOF OF QUALIFICATIONS - The applicant must furnish, on request of the assessor, proof of all prerequisites to Farm, Forest and Open Space Land, such as; proof of ownership, description, area, uses and gross sales of agricultural products and required certification from the Director of the Department of Environmental Management.

CHANGE IN USE - ALL APPLICANTS PLEASE NOTE

Liability to the land use change tax provided for in section 44-5-39 shall attach when a change in use of the land occurs but not when a change in ownership of the title takes place if the new owner continues to use or preserve the land as farm land, forest or open space land, under the conditions prescribed in this chapter.

If, in the tax year in which a change in use of the land occurs, the land was not valued, assessed and taxed as farm, forest or open space land, pursuant to the proviso in section 44-5-12, then such land shall be subject to land use change taxes for the specified years involved, immediately preceding, in which the land was valued, assessed and taxed as farm, forest, or open space land as provided in said section 44-5-12.

APPLICATION FOR
FARM, FOREST AND OPEN SPACE LAND
CLASSIFICATION
(Chapter 252, P.L. 1980)

Applying for: Farm Forest Open Space

Municipality: **Town of Hopkinton**

Application is hereby made for classification of certain land, hereinafter more particularly described, under Preservation of Farm, Forest and Open Space Land, (Chapter 252, P.L. 1980), for the tax year _____, assessment of 12/31/20____ and the following declarations are herewith submitted in support of such application.

1. The owner(s) of the land for which this application is made is/are:

2. The land for which this application is made is located at:

Plat: _____ Lot: _____

Street Address: _____

3. Title to the land for which this application is made was acquired by and recorded in

Land Evidence Book: _____ Page: _____ Record Date: _____

4. The land covered by this application is in use as follows:

| | Description | Number of Acres |
|-----------------|-------------|----------------------|
| Cropland | _____ | _____ |
| Pasture | _____ | _____ |
| Woodland | _____ | _____ |
| Other (Specify) | _____ | _____ |
| | | Total Acreage: _____ |

5. If applying for Farmland designation, please provide annual gross income: \$ _____

6. If applying for Farmland designation, please provide the principal crop(s) and productivity of each crop per acre on the farm:

7. If applying for Farmland or Forestry designation, please indicate when the Director of Department of Environmental Management approved the parcel and which classification the parcel is approved for. **Please attach a copy of the certificate.**

Approved for: Farmland Forest Date Approved: _____

8. If applying for Farmland, please provide the nature and actual cash value of the equipment used in connection with this farm:

| <u>Equipment</u> | <u>Cash Value</u> |
|------------------|-------------------|
| _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ |

9. If more than one (1) tract of land is involved, to what extent are they contiguous?

SIGNATURE AND VERIFICATION (See Instruction 4).

The undersigned declares under the penalties provided by law, that this application, including my accompanying schedules and statements, has been examined by owner(s) and to the best of owner(s) knowledge and belief is true and correct.

Date _____

Signature of Owner or Authorized Agent

Signature of Co-Owner (if applicable)

Printed name of Owner(s)

RESERVED FOR OFFICIAL USE

Approved Rejected

Classification: Farm Forest Open Space

Date: _____

Hopkinton Tax Assessor

An explanation will be attached if this application was rejected