



## PRESS RELEASE

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### **Deadline to Homestead For Property Taxes Approaches**

Homestead applications for owner occupied and relative occupied properties must be received by December 15, 2019 for the 2020 payable tax year. Crow Wing County Land Services Department encourages eligible property owners to apply for homestead status prior to the December 15 deadline. Applications are available at [www.crowwing.us](http://www.crowwing.us), in person at 322 Laurel St, Suite 15, Brainerd, or by calling (218) 824-1010.

Homestead classification may affect the amount of property taxes payable in 2020, and it may affect property tax refund eligibility. "Receiving homestead on your property can make a substantial reduction to your property taxes," noted Sam Bedard, Assessing Services Manager. "We encourage everyone who qualifies to get their application in before the 15<sup>th</sup>," he added.

Please contact Land Services to file a homestead application on or before December 15, 2019 if one of the following applies:

- You purchased a property in the past year and you, or a qualifying relative, occupy the property as your primary residence on or before December 1, 2019; or
- You, or a qualifying relative, occupy the property as your primary residence and the property is currently classified as seasonal or non-homestead.

A qualifying relative for homestead purposes will depend on the type of property. For residential property, a qualifying relative can be a parent, stepparent, child, stepchild, grandparent, grandchild, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, nephew, or niece of the owner. This relationship may be by blood or marriage. For agricultural property, a qualifying relative can be a child, grandchild, sibling, or parent of the owner or spouse of the owner.

In addition, please contact Crow Wing County Land Services if the property owner or a qualifying relative of the property owner no longer occupy the property as the primary residence or if use of the property has changed during 2019.

The Crow Wing County Land Services Department is committed to providing excellent customer service and responding to all inquiries in an efficient, courteous, and professional manner. Property owners may contact the office at [landservices@crowwing.us](mailto:landservices@crowwing.us) or 218-824-1010 with any questions they may have about the property tax process.

#### **Land Services Department**

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**Our Vision:** Being Minnesota's favorite place.  
**Our Mission:** Serve well. Deliver value. Drive results.  
**Our Values:** Be responsible. Treat people right. Build a better future.

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