



# Application for Forest or Fruit Tree Reservation Property Tax Exemption

Iowa Code Section 427C

This application must be filed or mailed to your city or county assessor by February 1 of the exemption year. It must be postmarked no later than February 1. Contact information for all assessors can be found at the Iowa State Association of Assessors website: [www.Iowa-Assessors.org](http://www.Iowa-Assessors.org)

### Applicant Contact Information – Please Print

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ eMail: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner of Reservation: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Reserve (include legal description): \_\_\_\_\_

Parcel Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell or Day Time Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**Requirements:** This application must be filed by February 1 of the exemption year. No further filing is required as long as the property is maintained as a reservation. Livestock is not permitted upon the reserve, and the reserve cannot be used for economic gain other than the gain from raising fruit or forest trees. Property which has been exempt as a Forest or Fruit Tree Reservation may be subject to a recapture tax if the property ceases to qualify within five years after the last year that the exemption was granted. The application can only be accepted if it meets the criteria established by the Natural Resource Commission.

### Select Forest Reserve or Fruit Tree Reserve and provide related information.

Forest Reserve  A forest must not occupy less than two acres with 200 trees on each acre.

Number of acres that the reserve occupies: \_\_\_\_\_ (Attach an aerial photograph if available)

Are any buildings on the area selected as a reserve? Yes:  No:

Fruit Tree Reserve  Fruit trees must occupy at least one acre and not more than 10 acres with at least 40 apple or 70 other fruit trees per acre.

Number of acres that the reserve occupies: \_\_\_\_\_ (Attach an aerial photograph if available)

Year in which fruit trees were planted: \_\_\_\_\_.

Are any buildings on the area selected as a reserve? Yes:  No

I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief the information provided on this application is true, correct, and complete, and meets the criteria established by the Iowa Code Chapter 427C.

Signature of Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

The property has been inspected and it has been determined that it meets the criteria set forth in Iowa Code Chapter 427C and is eligible to receive this exemption.

County Conservation Board or Assessor: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_