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November 7, 2018

Honorable Barbara Kizer
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Dear Ms. Kizer:

On October 30, 2018, I received your request for approval of the attached Lawrence County Agricultural and Forest Land Greenbelt Applications. Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-3-5103, the State Board of Equalization, at its meeting on October 30, 2018, delegated authority to the Executive Secretary to approve county specific greenbelt forms that are substantially similar to the state-approved greenbelt forms.

I reviewed the attached Lawrence County Greenbelt Applications and find them to be substantially similar to the state-approved greenbelt forms. Therefore, the attached forms are approved for immediate usage in Lawrence County. Please continue to use the state-approved Open Space Greenbelt Application which can be found on our website:
https://www.comptroller.tn.gov/SBOE/pdf/Greenbelt_OpenSpaceApplication.pdf.

State law requires Forest Land Greenbelt Applications to include evidence of forest management practices. The State Board of Equalization recommends its state-approved Forest Management Plan as a base minimum. It can be found on our website:
https://www.comptroller.tn.gov/SBOE/pdf/Greenbelt_ForestManagementPlan.pdf.
Please confirm that what your county is currently using is equivalent or better than the state-approved Forest Management Plan.

If you need to contact me, please call 615 401.7954 or email Betsy.Knotts@cot.tn.gov.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Betsy Knotts".

Betsy Knotts, J.D.
Executive Secretary
State Board of Equalization

Application for Greenbelt Assessment
AGRICULTURE

The Agricultural, Forest and Open Space Land Act of 1976 ("Greenbelt Law") permits qualifying land to be assessed for property taxes at its use value rather than its fair market value which might be based on a more intensive use. YOU MAY BE LIABLE FOR "ROLLBACK TAXES" later if the land approved for greenbelt is converted to other uses or disqualified for greenbelt as the result of a sale or otherwise. The amount due would be the tax saved during the last three years of greenbelt classification. Before applying, you should carefully review this application and additional information about the greenbelt program which should be provided by your assessor.

Since April 14, 1992, the law requires that the property must be actually used as agricultural land in order to qualify for the agricultural use classification. It must be part of farm "engaged in the production or growing of crops, plants, animals, nursery, or floral products." The assessor may presume that property is used as agricultural land if it earns an average annual gross agricultural income of \$1500.00 or more over any three years in greenbelt. However, the assessor will also consider other available evidence indicating how the property is actually used. The assessor may ask you about property income, ownership and other information needed to determine how the property is used and how it should be valued. Complete the remainder of this application to have your property considered for greenbelt.

State of Tennessee, County of LAWRENCE

District	Map/Block/Group Control Map	Parcel	S.I.	Acres in Agriculture	Total Acreage
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Owner Name _____

Mailing Address	City	State	Zip
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Property Address _____

Source of Title: Deed Book/Page: / Other: _____

Current crop(s) or other agriculture product(s) and expected yield or volume which will be sold:

Product	Expected Yield or Sales
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Do you own other property in this county which has been approved for Greenbelt? No Yes

I certify that I am an owner of the property described above, that the information I have supplied to the assessor in applying for Greenbelt is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that I am presently using said property as agricultural land as described in the above instructions. I further certify that the property will produce gross agricultural income of at least \$1500.00 per year on average over any three years it is classified "greenbelt." I understand the assessor may presume the property is not used as agricultural land if the property does not produce this minimum income, unless I prove otherwise that the property is actually being used as a farm. I have read and understand the requirements for greenbelt eligibility and agree to notify the assessor of any change in the use or ownership of the property which might affect the eligibility of this property for greenbelt.

Property Owner _____ Date _____

On this _____ day of _____, 20____, before me personally appeared the above named property owner, to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing certification, and acknowledged its execution as (his) (her) free act and deed.

Notary Public	My Commission Expires
*****ASSESSOR'S USE*****	
Approved _____	Denied _____

Assessor of Property

*****REGISTER OF DEEDS USE ONLY*****
THIS APPLICATION MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE CURRENT RECORDATION FEE.

