

**Affidavit of Surviving Spouse or Domestic Partner
for Claiming an Exemption Based on
Inheritance of Real Estate**

State of Washington

County of _____

Name of deceased _____

I, (survivor's name) _____ affirm
that I am the sole and rightful heir to the property described as:

Parcel number(s) _____

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct.

Signed this _____ day of _____, _____ at _____, _____
(month) (year) (city) (state)

(Signature of surviving spouse or registered domestic partner)

(Printed name of surviving spouse or registered domestic partner)

(Address of surviving spouse or domestic partner) (city) (state) (zip)

Note: See RCW 82.45.197 on page 2 for statutory requirements.

RCW 82.45.197

Exemptions - Inheritance - Documents required.

In order to receive an exemption from the tax in this chapter on real property transferred as a result under RCW 82.45.010(3)(a), the following documentation must be provided:

- (1) If the property is being transferred under the terms of a community property agreement, a copy of the recorded agreement and a certified copy of the death certificate;
- (2) If the property is being transferred under the terms of a trust instrument, a certified copy of the death certificate and a copy of the trust instrument showing the authority of the grantor;
- (3) If the property is being transferred under the terms a probated will, a certified copy of the letters testamentary or in the case of intestate administration, a certified copy of the letters of administration showing that the grantor is the court-appointed executor, executrix, or administrator, and a certified copy of the death certificate;
- (4) In the case of joint tenants with right of survivorship and remainder interests, a certified copy of the death certificate is recorded to perfect title;
- (5) If the property is being transferred pursuant to a court order, a certified copy of the court order requiring the transfer, and confirming that the grantor is required to do so under the terms of the order;
- (6) If the community property interest of the decedent is being transferred to a surviving spouse or surviving domestic partner absent the documentation set forth in subsections (1) through (5) of this section, a certified copy of the death certificate and a signed affidavit from the surviving spouse or surviving domestic partner affirming that he or she is the sole and rightful heir to the property; or
- (7) If the property is being transferred pursuant to a transfer on death deed, a certified copy of the death certificate is recorded to perfect title.

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