

701—80.4 (427) Low-rent housing for the elderly and persons with disabilities.

80.4(1) As used in Iowa Code subsection 427.1(21), the term “nonprofit organization” means an organization, no part of the net income of which is distributable to its members, directors or officers.

80.4(2) As used in Iowa Code subsection 427.1(21), the term “low-rent housing” means housing the rent for which is less than that being received or which could be received for similar properties on the open market in the same assessing jurisdiction. Federal rent subsidies received by the occupant shall be excluded in determining whether the rental fee charged meets this definition.

80.4(3) As used in Iowa Code subsection 427.1(21), the term “elderly” means any person at least 62 years of age.

80.4(4) As used in Iowa Code subsection 427.1(21), the term “persons with physical or mental disabilities” means a person whose physical or mental condition is such that the person is unable to engage in substantial gainful employment.

80.4(5) The exemption granted in Iowa Code subsection 427.1(21) extends only to property which is owned and operated, or controlled, by a nonprofit organization recognized as such by the Internal Revenue Service. Property owned and operated, or controlled, by a private person is not eligible for exemption under Iowa Code subsection 427.1(21).

80.4(6) The income of persons living in housing eligible for exemption under Iowa Code subsection 427.1(21) shall not be considered in determining the property’s taxable status.

80.4(7) An organization seeking an exemption under Iowa Code subsection 427.1(21) shall file a statement with the local assessor pursuant to Iowa Code subsection 427.1(14).

80.4(8) The exemption authorized by Iowa Code subsection 427.1(21) extends only until the final payment due date of the borrower’s original low-rent housing development mortgage on the property or until the borrower’s original low-rent housing development mortgage is paid in full or expires, whichever is sooner. If the original mortgage is refinanced, the exemption shall apply only until what would have been the final payment due date under the original mortgage or until the refinanced mortgage is paid in full or expires, whichever is sooner. This exemption for refinanced projects applies to those projects refinanced on or after January 1, 2005.

80.4(9) In complying with the requirements of Iowa Code subsection 427.1(14), the provisions of rule 701—78.4(427) shall apply.

80.4(10) In determining the taxable status of property for which an exemption is claimed under Iowa Code subsection 427.1(21), the appropriate assessor shall follow rules 701—78.1(427,441) to 701—78.5(427).

80.4(11) If a portion of a structure is used to provide low-rent housing units to elderly persons and persons with disabilities and the other portion is used to provide housing to persons who are not elderly or disabled, the exemption for the property on which the structure is located shall be limited to that portion of the structure used to provide housing to the elderly and disabled. Vacant units and projects under construction that are designated for use to provide housing to elderly and disabled persons shall be considered as being used to provide housing to elderly and disabled persons. The valuation exempted shall bear the same relationship to the total value of the property as the area of the structure used to provide low-rent housing for the elderly and persons with disabilities bears to the total area of the structure unless a better method for determining the exempt valuation is available. The valuation of the land shall be exempted in the same proportion.

80.4(12) The property tax exemption provided in Iowa Code subsection 427.1(21) shall be based upon occupancy by elderly or persons with disabilities as of July 1 of the assessment year. However, nothing in this subrule shall prevent the taxation of such property in accordance with the provisions of Iowa Code section 427.19.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 427.1(14) and Supplement section 427.1(21).