

701—302.69(422) Exclusion of ordinary or capital gain income realized as a result of involuntary conversion of property due to eminent domain. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2006, a taxpayer may exclude the amount of ordinary or capital gain income realized as a result of the involuntary conversion of property due to eminent domain for Iowa individual income tax. Eminent domain refers to the authority of government agencies or instrumentalities of government to requisition or condemn private property for any public improvement, public purpose or public use. The exclusion for Iowa individual income tax can only be claimed in the year in which the ordinary or capital gain income was reported on the federal income tax return.

In order for an involuntary conversion to qualify for this exclusion, the sale must occur due to the requisition or condemnation, or its threat or imminence, if it takes place in the presence of, or under the threat or imminence of, legal coercion relating to a requisition or condemnation. There are numerous federal revenue rulings, court cases and other provisions relating to the definitions of the terms “threat” and “imminence,” and these are equally applicable to the exclusion of ordinary or capital gains realized for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2006.

302.69(1) Reporting requirements. In order to claim an exclusion of ordinary or capital gain income realized as a result of involuntary conversion of property due to eminent domain, the taxpayer must attach a statement to the Iowa individual income tax return in the year in which the exclusion is claimed. The statement should state the date and details of the involuntary conversion, including the amount of the gain being excluded and the reasons why the gain meets the qualifications of an involuntary conversion relating to eminent domain. In addition, if the gain results from the sale of replacement property as outlined in subrule 302.69(2), information must be provided in the statement on that portion of the gain that qualified for the involuntary conversion.

302.69(2) Claiming the exclusion when gain is not recognized for federal tax purposes. For federal tax purposes, an ordinary or capital gain is not recognized when the converted property is replaced with property that is similar to, or related in use to, the converted property. In those cases, the basis of the old property is simply transferred to the new property, and no gain is recognized. In addition, when property is involuntarily converted into money or other unlike property, any gain is not recognized when replacement property is purchased within a specified period for federal tax purposes.

For Iowa individual income tax purposes, no exclusion will be allowed for ordinary or capital gain income when there is no gain recognized for federal tax purposes. The exclusion will only be allowed in the year in which ordinary or capital gain income is realized due to the disposition of the replacement property for federal tax purposes, and the exclusion is limited to the amount of the ordinary or capital gain income relating to the involuntary conversion. The basis of the property for Iowa individual income tax purposes will remain the same as the basis for federal tax purposes and will not be altered because of the exclusion allowed for Iowa individual income tax.

EXAMPLE: In 2007, taxpayer sold some farmland as a result of an involuntary conversion relating to eminent domain and realized a gain of \$50,000. However, the taxpayer purchased similar farmland immediately after the sale, and no gain was recognized for federal tax purposes. Therefore, no exclusion is allowed on the 2007 Iowa individual income tax return. In 2009, taxpayer sold the replacement farmland that was not subject to an involuntary conversion and realized a total gain of \$70,000, which was reported on the 2009 federal income tax return. The taxpayer can claim a deduction of \$50,000 on the 2009 Iowa individual income tax return relating to the gain that resulted from the involuntary conversion.

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