



APPLICATION FOR ABATEMENT OF PROPERTY TAX



RI General Law 44-5-26: For appeals to the Assessor, this form must be filed within (90) days from the date the first tax payment is due. For appeals to the Board of Assessment Review, this form must be filed not more than thirty (30) days after the Assessor renders a decision, or if the Assessor does not render a decision within forty-five (45) days of the filing of the appeal, not more than ninety (90) days after the expiration of the forty-five (45) days period.

TAXPAYER INFORMATION: Assessed Owner _____

Name & Status of Applicant (If other than Assessed Owner) _____

- Subsequent Owner (Acquired Title after December 31, 2010) Administrator/ Executor Lessee Mortgagee Other (specify)

Mail/ Phone _____ () _____
Mailing Address Tel. No.

PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION: Complete using information as it appears on tax bill.

Map & Lot (Parcel) _____ Account Number _____ Tax _____

Previous Assessed Value _____ New Assessed Value _____

Location: _____ Description _____
No. Street (EXAMPLE: Vacant Land, House, Commercial, Tangible Property.....)

Date Property Acquired _____ Purchase Price _____ Land Area (indicate Acres/ Sq Feet) _____

What is the amount of Fire Insurance on Building _____

REASON(s) FOR ABATEMENT SOUGHT: Check reason(s), continue explanation on attachment if necessary.

- Overvaluation. (List comparable sales below) Disproportionate Assessment. (List comparable assessments below) Incorrect Usage Classification Other (specify)

Applicant's Opinion _____
Fair Market Value Use Classification Assessed Value

Describe any improvements made during the last five years and cost _____

Have you filed a true and exact account this year with the Assessor? (R.I.G.L. 44-5-15) _____
Yes/ No

List Sale comparables or Assessment comparables SIMILAR to the property under appeal (See Above)

Table with 4 rows and 3 columns: 1., 2., 3., 4. Map & Lot and Location Property Type Sale Price or Assessed Value

Comments _____

PLEASE SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR INFORMATION REGARDING PAYMENT OF TAX.

Under the law, inability to pay is not a valid reason for filing an appeal. Please inquire with the Assessing Department about available tax exemptions.

SIGNATURES: Subscribed this _____ day of _____, 200____ Under penalties of perjury.

Signature of Applicant _____
If signed by agent, attach copy of written authorization to sign on behalf of owner

TAXPAYER INFORMATION ABOUT APPEAL PROCEDURE:

REASONS FOR AN APPEAL: It is the intent of the general assembly to ensure that all taxpayers in Rhode Island are treated equitably. Ensuring that taxpayers are treated fairly begins where cities and towns meet defined standards related to performing property values. All properties should be assessed in a uniform manner, and properties of equal value should be assessed the same. TO DISPUTE YOUR VALUATION OR ASSESSMENT OR CORRECT ANY OTHER BILLING PROBLEM OR ERROR THAT CAUSED YOUR TAX BILL TO BE HIGHER THAN IT SHOULD BE, YOU MUST APPEAL WITHIN NINETY (90) DAYS FROM THE DATE THE FIRST TAX PAYMENT IS DUE. You may appeal your assessment if your property is: (1) Overvalued (assessed value is more than the fair market value as of December 31 in the year of the last update or revaluation for real estate and as of December 31 of the tax year for personal estate for any reason, including clerical and data processing errors. (2) Disproportionately assessed in comparison with other properties. (3) Classified incorrectly as residential, commercial, industrial or open space, farm or forest. (4) Illegal tax partially or fully exempt. (5) Modified from its condition from the time of the last update or revaluation.

WHO MAY FILE AN APPLICATION: You may file an application if you are (1) The assessed or subsequent (acquiring title after December 31) owner of the property. (2) The owner's administrator or executor. (3) A tenant or group of tenants of real estate paying rent therefrom, and under obligations to pay more than one-half of the taxes thereon. (4) A person owning or having an interest in or possession of the property; or (5) A mortgagee if the assessed owner has not applied. In some cases, you must pay all or a portion of the tax before you can file.

WHEN AND WHERE APPLICATION MUST BE FILED: Your application must be filed with the local office of tax assessment within NINETY (90) days from the date the first tax payment is due. THESE DEADLINES CANNOT BE EXTENDED OR WAIVED BY THE ASSESSOR FOR ANY REASON. IF YOUR APPLICATION IS NOT FILED ON TIME, YOU LOSE ALL RIGHTS TO AN ABATEMENT AND THE ASSESSOR CANNOT BY LAW GRANT YOU ONE. AN APPLICATION IS FILED WHEN RECEIVED BY THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE.

PAYMENT OF TAX: Filing an application does not stay the collection of your taxes. In some cases, you must pay the tax when due to appeal the assessor's disposition of your application. Failure to pay the tax assessed when due may also subject you to interest charges and collection action. To avoid any loss of rights or additional charges, you should pay the tax as assessed. If an abatement is granted and you have already paid the entire year's tax as abated, you will receive a refund of any overpayment.

FILING AN ACCOUNT: Rhode Island General Laws Section 44-5-15 requires the annual filing of a true and exact account of all ratable estate owned or possessed by every person and corporate body. The time to file is between December 31, and January 31, of intention to submit declaration by March 15. Failure to file a true and full account, within the prescribed time, eliminates the right to appeal to the superior court, subject to the exceptions provided in Rhode Island General Laws Section 44-5-26(b). No amended returns will be accepted after March 15th. Such notice of your intention must be sent by certified mail, postage prepaid, postmark no later than 12 o'clock midnight of the last day, January 31. No extensions beyond March 15th can be granted. The form for filing such account may be obtained from the city or town assessor.

ASSESSOR'S DISPOSITION: Upon applying for a reduction in assessment, you may be asked to provide the assessor with further written information about the property and to permit them to inspect it. Failure to provide the information or permit an inspection within thirty (30) days of the request may result in the loss of your appeal rights.

APPEAL: The assessor shall have forty-five (45) days to review the appeal, render a decision and notify the taxpayer of the decision. The taxpayer, if still aggrieved, may appeal the decision of the tax assessor to the local tax board of review, or in the event that the assessor does not render a decision, the taxpayer may appeal to the local tax board of review at the expiration of the forty-five (45) day period. Appeals to the local tax board of review shall be filed not more than thirty (30) days after the assessor renders a decision and notifies the taxpayer, or if the assessor does not render a decision within forty-five (45) days of the filing of the appeal, not more than ninety (90) days after the expiration of the forty-five (45) day period.

DISPOSITION OF APPLICATION (ASSESSOR'S USE ONLY)

- Application to Owner _____ Returned _____
- Receipt Letter sent _____ Returned _____
- Insp. Letter sent _____ Returned _____
- Property Inspected _____
- Denial Letter sent _____ Returned _____
- Forwarded to BOAR _____ Returned _____
- BOAR Decision _____
- Granted Letter sent _____ Returned _____
- CAMA updated _____ Printed _____
- Admin updated _____ Printed _____
- Certificate No. _____ Printed _____

DISPOSITION OF APPLICATION (BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW USE ONLY)

Meeting Date(s) _____

Date Voted _____ Granted _____ Denied _____

X _____
Chairman

X _____
Member

X _____
Member