STATE TAX FORM 128
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THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

ASSESSORS USE ONLY
DATE RECEIVED
APPLICATION NO.

_____
NAME OF CITY OR TOWN

APPLICATION FOR ABATEMENT OF ☐ REAL PROPERTY TAX ☐ PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX

FISCAL YEAR_____

General Laws Chapter 59 §59

THIS APPLICATION IS NOT OPEN TO PUBLIC INSPECTION (See General Laws Chapter 59 §60)

Return to: Board of Assessors
Must be filed with assessors not later than due date of first actual (not preliminary) tax payment for fiscal year.

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete **BOTH** sides of application. Please print or type.

A. TAXPAYER INFORMATION.

Name(s) of assessed owner: _____

Name(s) and status of applicant (if other than assessed owner) _____

☐ Subsequent owner (acquired title after January 1) on _____ , _____

☐ Administrator / executor ☐ Mortgagee.

☐ Lessee. ☐ Other, Specify _____

Mailing address Telephone No. ( ) _____

_____
No. Street City/Town Zip Code

Social Security No. _____ (optional) Amounts and dates of tax payments _____

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

Tax bill no. _____ Assessed valuation $ _____

Location _____
No. Street

Description _____

Real: _____ Parcel identification no. (map-block-lot) _____ Land Area _____ Class _____

Personal: Property type(s)

C. REASON(S) ABATEMENT SOUGHT. Check reason(s) an abatement is warranted and briefly explain why it applies.

Continue explanation on attachment if necessary

☐ Overvaluation ☐ Incorrect usage classification

☐ Disproportionate assessment ☐ Other, Specify _____

Applicant's opinion of: Value $ _____ Class _____

Explanation _____

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FILING THIS FORM DOES NOT STAY THE COLLECTION OF YOUR TAXES. TO AVOID LOSS OF APPEAL RIGHTS OR ADDITION OF INTEREST AND OTHER COLLECTION CHARGES, THE TAX SHOULD BE PAID AS ASSESSED.

THIS FORM APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE

Dear Taxpayer:

IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 59, SECTION 61A THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS REQUEST THAT YOU COMPLETE THE ENCLOSED PROPERTY VERIFICATION FORM SO THAT THE PROPERTY RECORD CARD MAY BE REVIEWED FOR ANY INACCURACIES THAT MAY AFFECT THE VALUE.

1. House Style _____ (cape, ranch, garrison, colonial, other)
   Number of Stories _____ Number of Apts. _____
   Exterior: Wood _____ Brick _____ Stone _____ Vinyl _____ Alum _____
   Age of House: _____

2. Has the property been remodeled in the last 10 years? _____ If yes, briefly explain: _____
   _____
   _____

3. Total number of rooms (exclusive of bathrooms & basement rooms) _____

4. Number of bathrooms # Full _____ # Half Baths _____ # Three Quarter _____

5. Number of bedrooms _____

6. Does the property have a full basement? _____ Yes _____ No

7. How much of the basement is finished? ____% LVG Area ____% REC Room ____% Other ____%

8. Is there a walk in attic? _____ If yes, is any of the attic finished living space? _____ Yes _____ No
   _____% Finished

9. Number of Fireplaces _____

10. Heat: Type _____ Fuel _____ Central Air _____ Yes _____ No

11. Garage: Attached _____ Detached _____ Under _____ Size _____

12. Breezeway: _____ Size _____ Barn _____ Size _____ Carport _____ Size _____
    Shed: _____ Size _____
    Porch: Enclosed _____ Size _____ Screen _____ Size _____ Open _____ Size _____
    Deck: _____ Size _____

13. Pool: Above Ground _____ In Ground _____ Size _____

14. Does your lot have any factors which you feel affect its value? _____
    _____
    _____

15. A. Date of Purchase _____ Sale Price _____

B. At the time of purchase did any of the following apply?	Yes (check one)	No
1. Buying from a relative	_____	_____
2. Buying a property which was on the market for more than 9 months	_____	_____
3. Buying a property where the seller took back a mortgage	_____	_____
4. Forclosure OR property bought at auction	_____	_____

If yes to any of the above, please explain below.

_____
_____

D. Signatures.

Subscribed this _____ day of _____, _____ Under penalties of perjury.

Signature of applicant _____

If not an individual, signature of authorized officer _____

Title

_____ ( ) _____

(print or type) Name Address Telephone

If signed by agent, attach copy of written authorization to sign on behalf of taxpayer.

TAXPAYER INFORMATION ABOUT ABATEMENT PROCEDURE

REASONS FOR AN ABATEMENT. An abatement is a reduction in the tax assessed on your property for the fiscal year. To dispute your valuation or assessment or to correct any other billing problem or error that caused your tax bill to be higher than it should be, you must apply for an abatement.

You may apply for an abatement if your property is: 1) overvalued (assessed value is more than fair cash value on January 1 for any reason, including clerical and data processing errors or assessment of property that is non-existent or not taxable to you), 2) disproportionately assessed in comparison with other properties, 3) classified incorrectly as residential, open space, commercial or industrial real property, or 4) partially or fully exempt.

WHO MAY FILE AN APPLICATION. You may file an application if you are:

- the assessed or subsequent (acquiring title after January 1) owner of the property,
- the owner's administrator or executor,
- a tenant paying rent who is obligated to pay more than one-half of the tax,
- a person owning or having an interest or possession of the property, or
- 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 board of assessors on or before the date the first installment payment of the actual tax bill mailed for the fiscal year is due, unless you are a mortgage. If so, your application must be filed between September 30 and October 1. Actual tax bills are those issued after the tax rate is set. Applications filed for omitted, revised or reassessed taxes must be filed within 3 months of the date the bill for those taxes was mailed. THESE DEADLINES CANNOT BE EXTENDED OR WAIVED BUT THE ASSESSORS FOR ANY REASON. IF YOUR APPLICATION IS NOT TIMELY FILED, YOU LOSE ALL RIGHTS TO AN ABATEMENT AND THE ASSESSORS CANNOT BY LAW GRANT YOU ONE. TO BE TIMELY FILED, YOUR APPLICATION MUST BE (1) RECEIVED BY THE ASSESSORS ON OR BEFORE THE FILING DEADLINE OR (2) MAILED BY UNITED STATES MAIL, FIRST CLASS POSTAGE PREPAID, TO THE PROPER ADDRESS OF THE ASSESSORS ON OR BEFORE THE FILING DEADLING AS SHOWN BY A POSTMARK MADE BY THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE.

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 assessors' 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.

ASSESSORS DISPOSITION. Upon applying for an abatement, you may be asked to provide the assessors with written information about the property and permit then to inspect it. Failure to provide the information or permit an inspection within 30 days of the request may result in the loss of your appeal rights.

The assessors have 3 months from the date of your applications is filed to act on is unless you agree in writing before that period expires to extend it for a specific time. If the assessors do not act on your application within the original or extended period, it is deemed denied. You will be notified in writing whether an abatement has been granted or denied.

APPEAL. You may appeal the disposition of your application. The disposition notice will provide you with further information about the appeal procedure and deadline.

DISPOSITION OF APPLICATION (ASSESSORS' USE ONLY)

Ch 59 §61A return	GRANTED ☐	Assessed value _____
Date sent _____	DENIED ☐	Abated value _____
Date returned _____	DEEMED DENIED ☐	Adjusted value _____
On-site inspection _____		Assessed Tax _____
Date _____		Abated tax _____
By _____	Date Voted/Deemed Denied _____	Adjusted tax _____
	Certificate No. _____	**Board of Assessors**
	Date Cert. / Notice Sent _____	_____
Date changed _____	Appeal _____	_____
	Date Filed _____	_____
Valuation _____	Decision _____	_____
	Settlement _____	Date: _____