OFFICE OF THE
BOARD OF ASSESSORS
CITY OF QUINCY, MASSACHUSETTS
CITY HALL
1305 HANCOCK ST., QUINCY, MA 02169 617-376-1183

Dear Taxpayer:

The Board of Assessors wishes to give consideration to all applications for abatement of real estate taxes filed for fiscal year 2010. However, a section of the General Laws of Massachusetts will prevent action by the Board on your application unless action is taken within three months from the date of the filing of the application. A provision of this same law does allow the Assessors to act on an application beyond the three month period with WRITTEN CONSENT by the taxpayer.

In order to prevent as much inconvenience to the TAXPAYER as possible, we are attaching a copy of the consent agreement so that, if you wish, it may be signed and filed by you at the time of the filing of the application.

Failure to consent to this extension would mean that no action can be taken by the Assessors after the three months from the filing date has passed.

Cordially yours,

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

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In accordance with the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 64, I/we hereby consent to an additional three months beyond the three (3) months provided by application for the abatement of the tax for the fiscal year 2010, on my/our real estate located at

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Quincy, Massachusetts.

In understand that I/we still have the statutory right to appeal any abatement allowed or denied by the Board of Assessors for a period of three months from the date of such action. This further appeal, if necessary is to be filed with the Appellate Tax Board, 100 Cambridge St., 2nd Floor, Room 200, Boston, MA. 02114. Tel. No. 617-727-3100.

Signed_____

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Tel. #_____

PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN THIS SHEET WITH APPLICATION

DEAR TAXPAYER:

IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 59, SECTION 61A THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS REQUEST THAT YOU COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING 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-COLONIAL-OTHER)_____NUMBER OF STORIES_____NUMBER OF APTS._____

EXTERIOR: WOOD_____BRICK_____VINYL_____ALUM_____

AGE OF HOUSE:_____

2. HAS THE PROPERTY BEEN REMODELED IN THE LAST 10 YEARS?_____IF YES, BRIEFLY EXPLAIN:

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3. TOTAL NUMBER OF ROOMS (EXCLUSIVE OF BATHROOMS & BASEMENT ROOMS)_____

4. NUMBER OF BATHROOMS #FULL_____ #HALF_____

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_____%

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 CONDITIONING____YES____NO

11. GARAGE: ATTACHED_____DETACHED_____GARAGE 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?_____

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15. A. DATE OF PURCHASE_____SALES PRICE_____

		YES (CHECK ONE)	NO
B.	AT THE TIME OF PURCHASE DID ANY OF THE FOLLOWING APPLY?		
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.	FORECLOSURE OR PROPERTY BROUGHT AT AUCTION IF YES TO ANY OF THE ABOVE, PLEASE EXPLAIN BELOW:	____	____

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16. WERE THERE ANY OTHER SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH AFFECTED THE PRICE? ____ ____

IF YES, PLEASE EXPLAIN BELOW:

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OVERVALUATION CLAIMS ARE BASED ON 1 OF 2 REASONS

A. OVERVALUATION BASED ON SALES MARKET ACTIVITIES.

B. OVERVALUATION BASED ON ASSESSED VALUES OF SIMILAR PROPERTIES.

UPON FILING EITHER (OR BOTH) CLAIMS 3 PROPERTIES OF COMPARISON SHOULD BE SUBMITTED.

A. SALES MARKET COMPARABLE PROPERTIES.

	1ST SALE	2ND SALE	3RD
BUYER			
SELLER			
LOCATION			
MAP/PLOT/LOT			
SALES PRICE			
SALES DATE			
BOOK/PAGE			

B. SIMILAR PROPERTIES COMPARED BY VALUE.

LOCATION/ADDRESS	MAP/PLOT/LOT	ASSESSED VALUE	OWNER

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS_____

State Tax Form 128
Revised 12/2000

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

QUINCY

Name of City or Town

Assessors' Use only
Date Received
Application No.

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

FISCAL YEAR 2010

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. DUE ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 1, 2010

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 _____

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

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 mortgagee. If so, your application must be filed between September 20 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 BY 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 DEADLINE 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 them 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 your application is filed to act 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

Date sent _____

Date returned _____

On-site inspection

Date _____

By _____

Data changed _____

Valuation _____

GRANTED ☐

DENIED ☐

DEEMED DENIED ☐

Date voted/Deemed denied _____

Certificate No. _____

Date Cert./Notice sent _____

Appeal _____

Date filed _____

Decision _____

Settlement _____

Assessed value _____

Abated value _____

Adjusted value _____

Assessed tax _____

Abated tax _____

Adjusted tax _____

Board of Assessors

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Date: _____