

APPLICATION FOR ABATEMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES

(Title 36 M.R.S.A., Section 841)

This application must be signed and filed in duplicate with the City of Bath Assessor's Office. A separate application should be filed for each separately assessed parcel of real estate claimed to be overvalued. *Please read instructions on the back before filling out this application.*

1. Name of Applicant/Owner: _____

2. Mailing Address: _____

3. Tax year for which abatement is requested: _____

4. Location, Map & Lot: _____

5. Assessed valuation of real estate: _____

6. Assessed valuation of personal property: _____

7. Abatement requested in real estate valuation: _____

8. Abatement requested in personal property valuation: _____

9. Reasons for requesting abatement (please be specific, stating grounds for belief that property is overvalued for tax purposes) Attach additional information and supporting documentation.

To the Assessor of the City of Bath, Maine:

In accordance with the provisions of Title 36 M.R.S.A., Section 841, I hereby make written application for abatement of property taxes as noted above. The above statements are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Date

Signature of Applicant/Owner(s)

INSTRUCTIONS: This application must be filed with the Assessor within 185 days from the date of commitment of the tax. Check with the Assessor's Office for precise tax commitment date. Applications received after the 185 day deadline can not be considered.

A taxpayer, to be entitled to request abatement or to appeal the decision of the Assessor, must have filed a list of their taxable property with the Assessor, if properly so notified, in accordance with MRSA Title 36, Sec. 706. If such list has not been filed upon proper notice, such list must be filed with this application, together with a statement as to why the list could not be filed at the proper time.

Written notice of the decision will be given by the Assessor to the taxpayer within 10 days after the Assessor takes final action on the application. If such written notice is not given within 60 days from the date the application is filed, the application is deemed to be denied, and the applicant may appeal as provided by statute. The applicant may, in writing, consent to further delay.

- Question 1:** Print FULL NAME.
- Question 2:** Print FULL ADDRESS to which mail is to be sent.
- Question 3:** Taxes are assessed as of April 1st. The tax assessed in any year as of that date funds the fiscal year July 1 to June 30 that immediately follows the preceding April 1st.
- Question 4:** Indicate location and tax map and lot number.
- Question 5:** Show the actual assessed valuation of the parcel referred to in the application. If an abatement of REAL ESTATE valuation is not required, then leave blank.
- Question 6:** Show the actual assessed valuation of the PERSONAL PROPERTY referred to in the application. If no abatement of personal property valuation is requested, then leave blank
- Question 7 & 8:** Show the amount by which you believe the valuation should be REDUCED. For example, if the valuation is \$3,000 and you believe it should be \$2,500, the entry in this line would be \$500.
- Question 9:** State the reasons for your claim. The BURDEN OF PROOF is on the taxpayer to show that the property is overvalued and bearing a disproportionate share of the tax. Attach any documentation that supports your claim of overvaluation.

ASSESSOR'S USE ONLY:

An abatement in valuation is allowed in the amount of \$_____

The abatement request is denied. _____

Signed: _____
Assessor, City of Bath

Dated: _____