

CITY OF GARDINER

6 CHURCH STREET, GARDINER, MAINE 04345

APPLICATION FOR ABATEMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES

(Under M.R.S., Title 36, Sec. 841)

Please read instructions on reverse side before filling out this application.

1. Name of Applicant: _____ Tel: _____
2. Mailing Address of Applicant: _____
3. Tax Map & Lot #: _____ Location of Property (if different from address): _____
4. Tax year for which abatement is requested: _____ Account Number: _____
5. Assessed value of real estate: _____ Personal Property: _____
6. Abatement requested in real estate valuation: _____ Personal Property: _____
7. Reasons for requesting abatement: (Please be specific, stating grounds for belief that the property is overvalued for tax purposes. Attach additional information and supporting documentation).

To the Assessor of the City of Gardiner,

In accordance with the provisions of M.R.S.A., Title 36, 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: _____

* This application must be signed and a separate application to be filed for each separately assessed parcel of real estate claimed to be overvalued.

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Instructions:

The initial appeal must be made to the Assessor in writing within 185 days from the date of commitment of the tax.

A taxpayer, to be entitled to request abatement or to appeal from the decision of the local assessor, must have filed a list of his taxable property with the assessors, if properly so notified, in accordance with M.R.S., 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.

The Assessor will give written notice of decision within ten (10) days after final action on the application is taken. If the Assessor fails to give written notice of decision within 60 days of the date of filing the application, the application is deemed to have been denied, and the applicant may appeal as provided by statute, unless the applicant has in writing consented to further delay.

The taxpayer may appeal in writing to the City of Gardiner Board of Assessment Review with sixty (60) days of the Assessors' denial.

Line 1 – Print full name of party assessed; Phone number to be reached at if any questions.

Line 2 – Current mailing address.

Line 3 – Tax Map & Lot Number as indicated on the tax bill and property location.

Line 4 – Tax Year and Account Number as indicated on the tax bill.

Line 5 – Show the accrual assessed valuation of the particular parcel of real estate covered by this application and/or the valuation of personal property.

Line 6 – Show the amount by which you believe the valuation should be reduced. For example, if the valuation (shown in Question 5) is \$3,000, and you believe it should be \$2,500, the entry should be \$500.

Line 7 – Identify the property which you believe to be overvalued. State reasons for your claim. Be specific. A towns tax assessment is presumed to be valid. To be entitled to abatement the taxpayer must show that the assessment is "manifestly wrong" by proving that the property is substantially overvalued, there was unjust discrimination, or that the assessment was fraudulent.

- The abatement requested is allowed in the amount of \$ _____ valuation.
- The abatement requested is denied. You have sixty (60) days from the date this notice is received to appeal this decision to the City of Gardiner Board of Assessment Review. You are further notified of certain payment requirements pursuant to M.R.S.A., Title 36, Section 843 (4) or Section 844 (4) in order to enter an appeal from this decision.

Date: _____

Assessor, City of Gardiner