



Application for Abatement of Property Tax

City of Auburn

This form must be completed, signed, and filed with the Assessor the municipal assessor.
A separate application must be filed for each separately assessed parcel of real estate.

For Office Use:
Map/Lot _____
Account # _____

Date _____

Name of applicant _____

Legal owner of property _____

Address of Property for which Abatement is Requested _____

Owner's mailing address _____

Telephone number _____

Name, address and telephone of attorney or authorized agent _____

Tax year for which abatement is requested _____

For Real Estate Abatement Requests:

Assessed Value: Land _____ Building _____ Total _____

Owners' Opinion of Value _____

Requested Amount to be Abated _____

For Personal Property Abatement Requests:

Assessed Valuation of Personal Property _____

Requested Amount to be Abated _____

Maine State Statutes provide that a property owner who believes his local property valuation is excessive may seek relief through a written request to the Assessor within **185 days** of the date of commitment. **High taxes are not a legitimate reason to file for an abatement.** By law, the property owner has the burden of proving the assessed value is manifestly wrong. In order to do so three things must be proven;

- 1) The judgment of the Assessor was irrational or unreasonable in the light of the circumstances or that the property is substantially overvalued and an injustice results;
- 2) There was unjust discrimination or;
- 3) The assessment was fraudulent, dishonest or illegal.

Please state the specific reason(s) for requesting abatement attaching additional pages as necessary.

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

Print name _____

Signature _____

Mail Completed Application to: **Assessing Department, 60 Court Street Suite 104, Auburn, ME 04210**