

**THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF DRACUT
APPLICATION FOR ABATEMENT**

FY

WATER USE CHARGE

Abatement Number:

**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY
DATE RECEIVED:**

To the Superintendent:

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete ENTIRE application. Please print or type.

A. RATEPAYER INFORMATION

NAME OF ACCOUNT OWNER _____

NAME OF APPLICANT (if other than owner) _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

EMAIL _____

The above-named person aggrieved by a FY____ WATER use charge hereby applies for an abatement.

B. SERVICE LOCATION IDENTIFICATION

SERVICE ADDRESS _____

ACCOUNT NUMBER _____ BILL DATE _____

WATER USE CHARGE \$_____ ABATEMENT REQUESTED \$_____

C. REASON(S) FOR ABATEMENT REQUEST:

D. SIGNATURES

Subscribed this _____ day of _____, _____ under the penalties of perjury.
(day) (month) (year)

Signature of applicant _____

REASONS FOR ABATEMENT: Abatement is a reduction in the charges assessed for water use. To dispute your recorded usage, the charges billed, or to correct any other billing problem or error that caused your bill to be higher than you believe it should be, you must apply for abatement.

WHO MAY FILE AN APPLICATION FOR ABATEMENT: You may file an application for abatement if you are:

- The assessed or subsequent owner of the service location at the time of billing,
- The administrator or executor of the estate of an owner of the service location,
- A tenant paying rent who is obligated by a rental agreement to pay for WATER charges,
- A person owning or having an interest in, or possession of, the service location, or
- A mortgagee if the assessed owner neglects, or refuses, to apply.

WHEN AND WHERE APPLICATION MUST BE FILED: Your application must be filed with the Kenwood Water Department on or before the due date for the charges being disputed. IF YOUR APPLICATION IS NOT TIMELY FILED, YOU MAY LOSE ALL RIGHTS TO ABATEMENT. TO BE TIMELY FILED, THIS APPLICATION MUST BE (1) RECEIVED BY THE WATER DEPARTMENT ON OR BEFORE THE FILING DEADLINE OR (2) MAILED BY UNITED STATES MAIL, FIRST CLASS POSTAGE PREPAID, TO THE PROPER ADDRESS OF THE WATER DEPARTMENT ON OR BEFORE THE FILING DEADLINE AS SHOWN BY A POSTMARK MADE BY THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE.

PAYMENT OF CHARGES: Filing an application does not guarantee an abatement will be granted. Any interest and fees accrued due to the abatement review process will be waived. Stay the collection of your charges.

DISPOSITION: Upon filing for abatement of your charges, you may be asked to provide written information about the service location and permit the Town to inspect it. Failure to provide the information or to permit an inspection within thirty (30) days of the request may result in the loss of your appeal rights.

The Superintendent have three (3) months from the date your application is filed to act, unless you agree in writing before that time period expires, to extend it for a specific time. You will be notified in writing whether abatement has been granted or denied.

DISPOSITION OF APPLICATION (Office Use Only)		
_____ ABATEMENT GRANTED	WATER CHARGE ASSESSED	\$ _____
_____ ABATEMENT DENIED	WATER PENALTY ASSESSED	\$ _____
DATE OF DECISION _____/_____/_____	WATER CHARGES ABATED	\$ _____
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	TOTAL CHARGES DUE	\$ _____

Mr. Joseph Cloutier, Superintendent