# RSA 76:16 ABATEMENT APPLICATION TO MUNICIPALITY INSTRUCTIONS

#### SECTION A.

Name/address/contact information.

#### SECTION B.

This section is only applicable if you have someone else representing you in the abatement application process such as an attorney or tax representative. If you do not, please skip this section.

## SECTION C.

In this section you describe the property for which you are seeking an abatement. If you do not know your Town Parcel ID# please leave blank. Please fill out address, description (for example, land and buildings) and assessment. The assessment is the current assessment that you are disputing.

#### SECTION D.

If you own any other properties in the Town of Farmington, please list them here. If you do not, please skip this section.

#### SECTION E.

Please describe why you are seeking an abatement and/or why you feel that your assessment is incorrect or unfair. Do we have incorrect information on your property – i.e. square footage is wrong, bathroom/bedroom count is incorrect; quality of building is too high, etc.? Do you feel recent sales of comparable properties are lower than your assessment? Do you have data to prove your assertion? Have you had a recent appraisal on your property? Please provide a copy to us. Do you believe you are being over assessed in comparison to your neighbors who have comparable properties? Please take the time to research your neighbor's assessments. The information is available here in our office or through our website.

If you are seeking abatement of taxes due to poverty or inability to pay, please talk with the assessor's office first. Perhaps you qualify for an exemption or credit that you have not applied for.

#### SECTION F.

In this section, please state your opinion of the market value of the property for which you are seeking abatement.

#### SECTION G.

If you have sales data of comparable properties and/or assessed values of comparable properties, please list them here.

#### **SECTION H.**

Please sign and date the application.

# **SECTION I.**

If someone else is representing you, they will sign here.

## SECTION J.

This section is for the Selectmen/Assessors. Please do not mark anything in this section.

## \*\*\*\*\*\*IMPORTANT INFORMATION\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

ABATEMENT APPLICATION DOES NOT STAY THE COLLECTION OF TAXES; TAXES SHOULD BE PAID AS ASSESSED. IF ABATEMENT IS GRANTED, A REFUND WITH INTEREST WILL BE MADE.

MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup> DEADLINE TO FILE ABATEMENT APPLICATIONWITH TOWN

JULY 1<sup>ST</sup> DEADLINE FOR TOWN TO GRANT OR DENY ABATEMENT.

SEPTEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> DEADLINE TO FILE APPEAL WITH BTLA OR SUPERIOR

COURT IF TOWN DENIES APPLICATION. MAY NOT FILE

WITH BOTH.