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NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER(S) RELATIVE TO APPEAL FOR PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT

DATE: _____, 20____

To Property Owner(s): _____

You have applied to the Board of Aroostook County Commissioners for abatement of a tax assessment on certain property owned by you in the municipality of _____. Before the Commissioners may schedule a hearing on your application it is necessary that you answer all of the following questions and/or provide the documentation requested.

1. For what tax year(s) (as of April 1st) are you seeking abatement? _____
2. Please provide a copy of your tax bill for the year(s) for which you are seeking abatement.
3. Did you, prior to April 1st of the year(s) for which you are seeking abatement, receive a written notice by mail from your municipality to furnish true and perfect lists of all your taxable property within the municipality?

YES NO

If your answer was "YES", did you provide such lists?

YES NO

4. Prior to your appeal to the County Commissioners, did you make written application to the municipal officers or assessors seeking abatement?

YES NO

If your answer was "YES", when did you make such written application? _____, _____

5. Did the municipal officers or assessors give you a written decision on your application?

YES NO

If your answer was "YES", when did you receive the decision? _____, _____ (Please provide a copy of the written decision.

6. On what grounds/basis do you believe you are entitled to an abatement? (Select one.)

Error of Assessment: _____

Inequity of Assessment: _____

Other: _____

Reason for seeking abatement: _____

7. To what valuation do you believe your property should be reduced? \$ _____

8. Location of Property: _____

Please note that should you be dissatisfied with the decision of the County Commissioners you may have a right of further appeal to the Superior Court. In some cases, however, the Superior Court has rejected such appeals because there was no stenographic record of the hearing before the Commissioners.

The County Commissioners do not provide such a record; however, they will arrange for an independent reporter to be present at the hearing at a cost to be determined by the reporter. Should either party wish to appeal the Commissioners' decision, a written transcript of the hearing will be provided (possibly at an additional cost). The above charges may be divided between the parties if both wish a record to be made.

IN LIGHT OF THE FOREGOING, DO YOU WANT A STENOGRAPHIC REPORTER TO BE PRESENT AT THE HEARING BEFORE THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS?

[] YES

[] NO

Please return this form in the enclosed envelope as soon as possible.

Signature of Property Owner

City/Town

Address

cc: Municipality of _____