

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE ABATEMENT APPLICATION

General Laws Chapter 60A

RETURN APPLICATION FORM AND DOCUMENTATION TO: Board of Assessors **HARWICH**

Return this **completed** for to:

Board of Assessors – TOWN of HARWICH
732 MAIN ST, HARWICH, MA 02645
(508)-430-7503

-----DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE-----

Comm Year _____

Bill Commitment _____

Bill # _____

Action Date _____

Valuation _____

Months Billed _____ Billed \$ _____

Months Abated _____ Abatement \$ _____

Months Owed _____ Net Balance \$ _____

Abatement # _____

Munis Date ____/____/____

APPLICATION INSTRUCTION ON BACK.

BILL INFORMATION:

Tax Year _____ Tax Date _____ Bill Number _____

Vehicle Year _____ Make & Model _____

Plate/Registration Number _____ VIN _____

Name (as shown of the bill) _____

Mailing Address _____
CITY/TOWN _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

REASON YOU ARE APPLYING FOR AN ABATEMENT:

Check where applicable:

- ☐ **MV1** Vehicle sold/traded
Plates Transferred? If yes, Date _____
- ☐ **MV2** Moved out of state
- ☐ **MV2** Recommitment to/from different
town during tax year
- ☐ **MV4** Exemption
- ☐ **MV5** Vehicle stolen/total loss
Plates Transferred? If yes, Date _____
- ☐ **MV5** Vehicle junked
Plates Transferred? If yes, Date _____
- ☐ **MV5** Vehicle repossessed
Transferred? If yes, Date _____
- ☐ **MV5** Other

You must provide this documentation:

- Bill of sale AND plate cancellation slip from Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) or new registration form if transferred.
- Date of move: ____/____/____ Registration from new state/country AND plate cancellation slip from RMV.
- Date of move: ____/____/____ Location: _____
Proof of residency before Jan. 1 of tax year of bill (utility bill, voter registration, lease) AND proof RMV was notified before Jan 1 of address change for registration.
- NOTE: You must notify the RMV within 30 days of moving and before Jan 1 to be billed by new city/town next year.
- Type: _____ Documents establishing qualifications
- Insurance settlement letter AND plate cancellation from RMV or new registration form
- Junk yard receipt/ signed over title AND plate cancellation from RMV or new registration form
- Notice from lienholder AND plate cancellation Plates from RMV or new registration form
- Explain _____

Provide Relevant Documents

Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

Phone _____ Email _____

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INSTRUCTIONS. To apply for an abatement (or refund if excise has been paid), complete this form and provide the specified documentation.

Abatement applications **must** be received by the assessors within three years after the excise was due, or one year after the excise was paid, whichever is later. To preserve your right to appeal, you must file on time. By law, assessors may only act on late applications in limited circumstances where the excise is still unpaid and their decision in those cases is final.

Filing an application does not stay the collection of your excise bill. To avoid interest, charges and collection action, including non-renewal of your registration, you must pay the bill in full within 30 days of its issue date. You will receive a refund if an abatement is granted.

NOTE. You are **not** entitled to an abatement if you (1) cancel your registration and retain ownership of the vehicle, or (2) move to another Massachusetts city or town, during the calendar year. No excise may be reduced to less than \$5.00. No abatement or refund of less than \$5.00 may be made.