

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

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**FY**

**SEWER USE CHARGE**

**Abatement Number:**

**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY  
DATE RECEIVED:**

To the Board of Sewer Commissioners and 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\_\_\_\_ Sewer use charge hereby applies for an abatement.

**B. SERVICE LOCATION IDENTIFICATION**

SERVICE ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

ACCOUNT NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ BILL DATE \_\_\_\_\_

SEWER 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 sewer 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 sewer 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 Sewer 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 SEWER DEPARTMENT ON OR BEFORE THE FILING DEADLINE OR (2) MAILED BY UNITED STATES MAIL, FIRST CLASS POSTAGE PREPAID, TO THE PROPER ADDRESS OF THE SEWER 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 Sewer Commission and 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.

**APPEAL:** You may appeal the disposition of your application for abatement. The disposition notice will provide you with further information about the appeal procedure and deadlines.

DISPOSITION OF APPLICATION (Office Use Only)		
_____ ABATEMENT GRANTED	SEWER CHARGE ASSESSED	\$ _____
_____ ABATEMENT DENIED BY DECISION	SEWER PENALTY ASSESSED	\$ _____
DATE VOTED ____/____/____	SEWER CHARGES ABATED	\$ _____
DISPOSITION MAILED ____/____/____	SEWER PENALTY ABATED	\$ _____
CERTIFICATE NUMBER _____		
DATE APPEAL FILED ____/____/____		
_____ APPEAL GRANTED		
_____ APPEAL DENIED BY DECISION	TOTAL CHARGES DUE	\$ _____
DATE VOTED ____/____/____		

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Mr. Joseph Cloutier, Superintendent

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Mr. David M. Langlais, PE, Chairman

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Mr. Emile R. Demers, Commissioner