



# PETITION TO THE VALUE ADJUSTMENT BOARD FOR ABATEMENT OF TAXES

Sections 194.011 and 197.318, Florida Statutes

**Complete and file with the county clerk of the value adjustment board. Attach supporting documents and a copy of the determination received from the county property appraiser, Form DR-463.**

You have the right to an informal conference with the property appraiser. This conference is not required and does not change your filing due date. You can present facts that support your claim, and the property appraiser can present facts that support the correctness of the assessment. To request a conference, contact your county property appraiser.

COMPLETED BY CLERK OF THE VALUE ADJUSTMENT BOARD (VAB)			
Petition #	County	Tax year 20__	Date received
COMPLETED BY THE PETITIONER			
<b>PART 1. Taxpayer Information</b>			
Taxpayer name		Representative	
Mailing address for notices		Parcel ID and physical address	
Phone		Email	
The standard way to receive information is by US mail. If possible, I prefer to receive information by <input type="checkbox"/> email <input type="checkbox"/> fax.			
<input type="checkbox"/> I am filing this petition after the petition deadline. I have attached a statement of the reasons I filed late and any documents that support my statement.			
<input type="checkbox"/> I will not attend the hearing but would like my evidence considered. (In this instance only, you must submit duplicate copies of your evidence to the value adjustment board clerk. Florida law allows the property appraiser to cross examine or object to your evidence. The VAB or special magistrate ruling will occur under the same statutory guidelines as if you were present.)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Enter the time (in minutes) you think you need to present your case. Most hearings take 15 minutes. The VAB is not bound by the requested time. For single joint petitions for multiple parcels or accounts, provide the time needed for the entire group.			
<input type="checkbox"/> My witnesses or I will not be available to attend on specific dates. I have attached a list of dates.			
You have the right to exchange evidence with the property appraiser. To initiate the exchange, you must submit your evidence directly to the property appraiser at least 15 days before the hearing and make a written request for the property appraiser's evidence. At the hearing, you have the right to have witnesses sworn.			
You have the right, regardless of whether you initiate the evidence exchange, to receive from the property appraiser a copy of your property record card containing information relevant to the computation of your current assessment, with confidential information redacted. When the property appraiser receives the petition, he or she will either send the property record card to you or notify you how to obtain it online.			

Your petition will not be complete until you pay the filing fee. When the VAB has reviewed and accepted it, they will assign a number, send you a confirmation, and give a copy to the property appraiser. Unless the person filing the petition is completing part 3, the taxpayer must sign the petition in part 2. Alternatively, the taxpayer's written authorization or power of attorney must accompany the petition at the time of filing with the signature of the person filing the petition in part 4 (s. 194.011(3), F.S.). **Please complete one of the signatures below.**



Keep this information for your files. Do not return this page to the VAB clerk.

### **Informal Conference with Property Appraiser**

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hearing. These requirements are more specifically described in subsection (8) of this rule and in paragraphs 12D-9.025(4)(a) and (f), F.A.C.

**If you provide this** evidence and make a written request for the property appraiser's evidence, the property appraiser must give you his or her evidence at least seven days before the hearing.

**At the hearing**, you have the right to have witnesses sworn.

### **PART 1. Taxpayer Information**

**If you will not attend the hearing** but would like your evidence considered, you must submit two copies of your evidence to the VAB clerk before the hearing. The property appraiser may respond or object to your evidence. The ruling will occur under the same statutory guidelines as if you were present.

The information in this section will be used by the VAB clerk to contact you regarding this petition.

### **PART 2. Petition Information and Hearing**

**Provide the time** you think you will need on page 1. The VAB is not bound by the requested time.

**Exchange of Evidence** Rule 12D-9.020(1)(a)-(c), F.A.C.:

(1)(a)1. At least 15 days before a petition hearing, the petitioner shall provide to the property appraiser a list of evidence to be presented at the hearing, a summary of evidence to be presented by witnesses, and copies of all documentation to be presented at the hearing.

2. To calculate the fifteen (15) days, the petitioner shall use calendar days and shall not include the day of the hearing in the calculation, and shall count backwards from the day of the hearing. The last day of the period shall be included unless it is a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, in which event the period shall run until the end of the next previous day that is neither a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday.

(b) A petitioner's noncompliance with paragraph (1)(a) does not affect the petitioner's right to receive a copy of the current property record card from the property appraiser as described in Section 194.032(2)(a), F.S.

(c) A petitioner's noncompliance with paragraph (1)(a) does not authorize a value adjustment board or special magistrate to exclude the petitioner's evidence. However, under Section 194.034(1)(h), F.S., if the property appraiser asks in writing for specific evidence before the hearing in connection with a filed petition, and the petitioner has this evidence and knowingly refuses to provide it to the property appraiser a reasonable time before the hearing, the evidence cannot be presented by the petitioner or accepted for consideration by the board or special magistrate. Reasonableness shall be determined by whether the material can be reviewed, investigated, and responded to or rebutted in the time frame remaining before the