



WAREHAM WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY

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Application for Abatement

Name of Applicant: _____

Property Location: _____

Mailing Address (if different) : _____

Map: _____ Lot: _____ Total Amount of Sewer Bill: _____

Amount requested to be abated: _____ Account number: _____

Reason for request: _____

Documentation supporting request is attached? Yes _____ No _____
(such as letter from Water Dept. as to when they shut off water/removed meter and/or letter from Board of Health giving a date as to when they deemed the property uninhabitable, when fire/flood or other disaster destroyed property)

Signature of Applicant: _____

Date: _____

Phone Number: _____



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Criteria for Requesting an Abatement/Adjustment

A request for an adjustment must be in writing and must contain sufficient information to determine why the value should be changed. For example, the building housed one type of business two years ago and there is an entirely different type of business this year.

Request for abatement due to water being shut off must meet the following criteria:

The water must have been shut off by either the Onset Water Dept. or Wareham Water Dept. at the street for more than twelve (12) consecutive months. After The year has passed, if the water is still off, the homeowner can then request abatement and ask that the account be put on hold until the water is turned back on. It must be verified by an accompanying letter from the water department. Abatements are not granted when water is shut off within a building by an owner.

The dwelling shall not have been occupied for the same time period.

Owner's request for abatements on buildings that have been rendered un-inhabitable through fire, flood or hurricane must also request a letter from the Town's Inspectional Services Department stating the condition of the structure be sent to the Water Pollution Control facility within the requested time frame.

All abatement requests and accompanying information must be received by the Wareham Water Pollution Control Facility not later than thirty (30) calendar days after the final due date shown on the sewer usage bill.

Abatement and adjustment requests are reviewed by the Water Pollution Control Facility staff who will make recommendations to the Sewer Commissioners for a decision.

We recommend that you pay the bill and wait for a decision by the Board of Sewer Commissioners because interest and demand fees cannot be abated.