



Town of Dighton, Massachusetts

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ABATEMENT PROCEDURES TAXPAYER INFORMATION GUIDE

If you think your VALUATION on your *Actual Tax Bill* (NOT Preliminary) is incorrect, fill out an application for an abatement and file it with the Assessor's office by 2/1/2023 for FY23. Filing an application does not stay the collection of your taxes. These deadlines cannot be extended or waived by the Assessor for any reason. If your application is not timely filed, you lose all rights to an abatement and the Assessor cannot, by law, grant one to you.

An application for an abatement of OVER-VALUATION should be based on one of two reasons:

1. **Sales of Properties** with very similar characteristics such as location, lot size, structure size, type, age and condition that have occurred between *January – December of 2021*, the assessment date, that indicate your property is incorrectly valued.

OR

2. **Assessed Value of Properties** with very similar characteristics, (as listed above) that indicate that your property is incorrectly valued.

In order to substantiate your abatement request of OVERVALUATION, it is important to offer supporting data. Be sure to use "*comparable*" properties that have *very similar characteristics* to your own. All sales data, valuations and characteristics of all property in town can be found at the front of the Assessor's Office to help you support your claim.

If you desire a meeting with the Board of Assessor's, please request a meeting on your Application For Abatement. You will be scheduled at the first available opportunity after verification of your application and provided data.

Please contact our office with any questions you might have regarding the abatement process at 774-872-0913.

Thank you

Assessor's Office