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**Taxpayer Petition to the
Skagit County Board of Equalization for
Review of Real Property Valuation Determination**

This petition must be filed or postmarked by July 1 of the current assessment year or 30 days after the date of mailing of the change of value or other determination notice. If filing after July 1, a copy of the determination notice must be attached to this petition.

The undersigned petitions the Board of Equalization to change the valuation of the property described below as shown on the assessment roll for **2018** for taxes payable in **2019** to the amount shown in Item No. 3(b) on this form.

Please Complete All Items (Please Print)

1. Account/Parcel Number: _____	
2. Owner: _____	
Mailing Address for All Correspondence Relating to Appeal:	
Street address: _____	
City, State, Zip Code: _____	
May we contact you by email? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	E-mail address: _____
Daytime Phone No: _____	Fax No: _____
Name of petitioner or authorized agent: _____	

3. Assessor's determination of true & fair value: Land \$ _____ Improvement/Bldgs..... \$ _____ TOTAL \$ _____	(b) Your estimate of true & fair value: Land..... \$ _____ Improvement/Bldgs ... \$ _____ TOTAL \$ _____
Date the assessor's "Change of Value Notice" or other determination notice was mailed: _____	
I request the information the assessor used in valuing my property. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

4. Specific reasons why you believe the assessor's value does not reflect the true and fair market value. _____ _____ _____ NOTE: Under Washington law, you must prove that the assessor's value is not the true and fair market value (RCW 84.40.0301). Assessments of other properties, the percentage of assessment increase, personal hardship, the amount of tax, and other matters unrelated to the market value may not be relevant or sufficient evidence to prove market value. If this petition concerns income property, please attach a statement of income and expenses for the past two years and copies of leases or rental agreements. Other issues relevant to your case: _____ _____
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5. Power of Attorney: If power of attorney has been given, the taxpayer must so indicate by signing the statement below or attaching a signed power of attorney. The person whose name appears as authorized agent has full authority to act on my behalf on all matter pertaining to this appeal. Signature of Petitioner (Taxpayer) _____
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I hereby certify I have read this Petition and that it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signed this _____ day of _____, _____.

Instructions for Petition to the County Board of Equalization for Review of Real Property Valuation Determination

All information in boxes 1 – 5 must be completed (if applicable). **The petition must be signed and dated.** Without this information, your Petition for Review **will not be considered complete.**

1. Your account or parcel number appears on your determination notice, value change notice, and tax statement. **If you are appealing multiple parcels, you must submit separate petitions for each parcel.**
2. Self-explanatory.
3. You may appeal the **assessed** value of the property. The assessed value is based on the true and fair value of the property. Check the box if you are requesting the information the assessor used to value the property.

Appeal of Assessed Value

To successfully appeal the Assessed Value of the property, you must show by clear, cogent, and convincing evidence the value established by the assessor is incorrect. In Section 4, you must list the reasons why you believe the Assessed Value is incorrect.

4. List the specific reasons for the appeal. Statements that simply indicate the assessor's valuation is too high or the amount of tax is excessive are not sufficient (WAC 458-14-056). The reasons must specifically indicate why you believe the assessed value does not represent the true and fair value of the property.

Note any other issues you believe are relevant to the value of your property. If your appeal concerns a comparison of your assessment relative to assessments of other properties, the Board may determine if all of the properties are assessed at their true and fair value. The Board is limited to determining the market value of property. Therefore, any adjustment to the assessed value of your property or other properties must be based on evidence of the true and fair value of the property.

5. Indicate if you are acting under a written Power of Attorney. This section need not be completed if the agent is an attorney-at-law.

Sign and date the petition.

- 6.–10. Self-explanatory.

Additional information to support your estimate of value may be provided either with this petition or prior to twenty-one business days before the hearing. You must also provide a copy of any additional information to the assessor.

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One original signed petition (including all attachments) should be filed with the County Board of Equalization in the county where the property is located.

Mail your completed petition form to:

Skagit County Board of Equalization
700 S. Second Street, Room 100
Mount Vernon, WA 98273