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**CLAIM FOR REDUCTION OF ASSESSMENT  
DUE TO DESTROYED REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY  
OR LOSS OF VALUE IN A DECLARED DISASTER AREA - RCW Chapter 84. 70**

NOTICE TO TAXPAYER: File this claim with the King County Department of Assessments by e mail at [HomeImp.DestProp@kingcounty.gov](mailto:HomeImp.DestProp@kingcounty.gov), or mail to 201 S. Jackson St., KSC-AS-708, Seattle, WA 98104, within three years after the date of destruction or loss of value. Please call 206-263-2332 or 296-7300 or email [HomeImp.DestProp@kingcounty.gov](mailto:HomeImp.DestProp@kingcounty.gov) with any questions regarding this form. To inquire about the availability of this form in an alternate format, please call 1-800-833-6388. You may also download this form and find additional information at <http://www.kingcounty.gov/Assessor/Forms.aspx>

Taxpayer Name:	Property Tax Account Number:
Mailing Address	Property Address:
City, State, Zip:	City, State, Zip:
E-Mail:	Daytime Phone Number
Date of destruction and description of property destroyed:	
Loss occurring as a result of:    Fire*    Natural Disaster* (*Documentation Required)    New Construction	
Other: _____	
Anticipated Start and Completion Date _____	Unknown at this time
Permit Issued By: _____	
Date Signed _____	Taxpayer's Signature or _____ by Assessor

**THIS BOX FOR ASSESSOR'S USE ONLY**

- Claim qualifies for current year tax abatement (voluntary destruction does not qualify for current year tax relief)
- Claim qualifies for voluntary demolition    (voluntary demolition if prior to 7/31)
- Claim qualifies but does not provide additional tax relief, frozen senior value is lower than appraised value
- Does not qualify because

Access denied, no documentation submitted	BoE addressed issues
Repaired prior to 7/31	Neglect/deferred maintenance
Never valued	HI Exemption
Minimal damage, no effect on market	Voluntary Demolition after 7/31
Tax exempt	Taxpayer withdrawal
Value Corrected via TRC	Value in land not imp
Other/ Comments	

APPRAISER'S DETERMINATION OF REDUCTION IN VALUE	Land	IMPROVEMENTS
1. Assessed value of property prior to destruction: Calendar year:    TRC for:		
2. Full market value of remaining property:		
3. Total amount of Loss		

I hereby certify my determination is in accordance with RCW 84. 70. Signed Deputy Assessor:

Appraiser ID:	Date:	Approved: _____ Initials	Senior Appraiser    Admin
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If you disagree with the appraiser's determination, you will have the opportunity to appeal the value reduction by contacting the King County Board of Equalization, 516 3rd Avenue, Room 1222, Seattle, WA 98104-2306 within sixty (60) days of the mailing date of the notice sent to you. <https://kingcounty.gov/en/independents/governance-and-leadership/government-oversight/board-appeals-equalization>

# INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICATION FOR REDUCTION OF ASSESSMENTS AND THE ABATEMENT OF TAXES RESULTING FROM DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY OR LOSS OF VALUE IN A DECLARED DISASTER AREA

## **Property Subject to Reduction and Who May Apply**

Any real or personal property that has been placed upon the assessment roll as of January 1 of the assessment year in which the property was destroyed, in whole or in part, or is in an area that has been declared a disaster area by the governor and has been reduced in value by more than twenty (20) percent, may apply. Either the Assessor may take action on his/her own authority or the taxpayer may file a claim. No relief shall be given to any person who is convicted of arson with regard to the property for which relief is sought.

## **Property Subject to Abatement of Taxes**

The amount of abatement shall be determined by calculating the taxes on the amount deducted from the assessed value for the number of days that remained in the calendar year after the date of destruction or reduction in value of the property. If taxes abated have already been paid, the amount paid shall be refunded.

## **Application Period**

An application must be filed within three years of the date of destruction or reduction in value. Abatement of taxes does not apply to property destroyed voluntarily.

## **Where to Apply**

Forms should be obtained from and filed with the County Assessor. Duty of County Assessor and Treasurer The County Assessor shall calculate the new assessed value and the amount of reduction for the abatement of taxes and notify the taxpayer of his/her determination. The County Treasurer shall calculate the amount of abatement and/or the refund of taxes, and notify the taxpayer of his/her determination.

## **Taxpayer May Appeal Amount of Reduction**

If the taxpayer disagrees with the determination made by the County Assessor, he/she may appeal the amount of reduction to the County Board of Equalization within sixty (60) days of notification from the Assessor or July 1st of the year of reduction, whichever is later.

## **Replacement of Destroyed Property**

If destroyed property is replaced prior to the valuation date of July 31<sup>st</sup> as contained in RCW 36.21.080(1) or RCW 36.21.090, the taxable value for that assessment year shall not exceed the value as of the appropriate valuation date.

## **Supporting Documentation**

In cases where a fire, natural disaster or vandalism has occurred, supporting documentation is required which identifies the property and the date of occurrence, such as photographs, fire department reports and insurance adjuster estimates.