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Application for Property Tax Relief (K.S.A 79-1613)

Owner's name

Telephone number(s)

Mailing address

City

State

Zip

Location and Description of Damaged or Destroyed Property

Location of property (if different from above)

Was the property your primary residence at the time of the damage/disaster? [] Yes [] No

Is any part of the property leased to another party? [] Yes [] No

If yes, please describe: _____

Date of disaster

Description of property (house, manufactured home, duplex, etc.)

Type of disaster:

[] Earthquake [] Flood [] Tornado [] Fire [] Storm [] Other: _____

If there was water damage, was it caused by groundwater entering through the foundation? [] Yes [] No

Describe the damage below:

[Empty box for describing damage]

Do you own a new homestead in Sedgwick County? [] Yes [] No

If yes, please list the address: _____

Declaration

The undersigned declares that the statements made herein are for the express purpose of applying for property tax relief pursuant to K.S.A.79-1613 and are to the best of my/our knowledge and belief true and correct. The applicant understands that any additional information required in support of this application must be supplied before adequate consideration can be given. The applicant consents to Sedgwick County making inquiries of such persons, firms or corporations, as the County deems necessary in order to reach a decision on this application. Applicant will be notified in writing of the County's preliminary staff findings and expected date for Board of County Commissioners consideration. Application must be completed in its entirety to be valid.

Signature of Applicant

Date

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PIN# _____

DATE RECEIVED:

Instructions

Applications must be received on or before **December 20** in the year following the date of damage/destruction.

File your completed application with the
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Types of relief that may be granted:

- *Abatement* of property tax may be made for the tax year if the property was damaged or destroyed between January 1 and August 15 and property taxes have not been paid.
- *Credit* of property taxes may be made if property taxes have been paid for the current year, or the property was damaged or destroyed on or after August 15 of the current year, but prior to January 1 of the next year.
- *Abatement* may be made of property taxes assessed but not yet paid **and** *credit* also applied for assessed property taxes paid.

The application is for either property tax abatement or credit; no refunds will be given.

Definitions and Eligibility

Homestead - the dwelling, or any part thereof, whether owned or rented, which is occupied by the owner of record (or otherwise "owned" as defined in this subsection) as their primary residence and so much of the land surrounding it, as defined as a home site for ad valorem tax purposes, and may consist of a part of a multi-dwelling or multi-purpose building and a part of the land upon which it is built or a manufactured home or mobile home and the land upon which it is situated. A property that a landlord rents to tenants does not qualify as a "Homestead." "Owned" includes a vendee in possession under a land contract, a life tenant, a beneficiary under a trust, and one or more joint tenants in common. "Owned" does not include a successor in interest who becomes the owner after the dwelling has been Destroyed or Substantially Destroyed.

Destroyed or Substantially Destroyed - damage of any origin sustained by a Homestead as the direct result of (A) an earthquake, flood, tornado, fire or storm, or an event or occurrence which the Governor of the State of Kansas has declared a disaster, whereby the cost of restoring the structure to its before-damaged condition would equal or exceed 50% of the market value of the structure before the damage occurred. For purposes of this definition, damage that occurs to a Homestead as a result of groundwater that enters through the dwelling's foundation is not considered to be the direct result of a flood or other event or occurrence which has been declared a disaster by the Governor.

Definitions and Eligibility

To be eligible for Property Tax Relief:

- Must have owned the property at the time of the damage/disaster AND occupied the property as your primary residence at the time of the damage/disaster
- Property must have been destroyed or substantially destroyed as the result of an earthquake, flood, tornado, fire or storm, OR an event or occurrence declared a disaster by the Governor of the State of Kansas
 - Water damage can NOT be caused by groundwater entering through the foundation
- Must submit your application on or before December 20 in the year following the date of damage/destruction.
- Can NOT have a foreclosure lawsuit been filed with the 18th Judicial District Court, including but not limited to property tax foreclosure