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Dear Property Owner:

It is my desire as the Hernando County Property Appraiser to afford an opportunity to each and every property owner the right to a property review and if necessary to file a petition for a hearing before the Value Adjustment Board (VAB).

Due to the volume of property reviews requested of the office during this time, all reviews may not be completed prior to the filing deadline. Therefore, in order to insure your due process, you may file a petition in case our review is not completed prior to the deadline or if you disagree with our findings.

For your information, please note the following filing instructions:

- ◆ Please complete the attached petition in full and mail or hand deliver the original form to:

Clerk of the Value Adjustment Board
20 North Main Street, Room 131
Brooksville, FL 34601

- ◆ The original petition must be filed with the Clerk of the Value Adjustment Board, **not** the Property Appraiser’s Office. The original petition must be in the hands of the Clerk by the filing deadline. A postmark is not considered sufficient.
- ◆ In accordance with Florida Statute 194.013 a **non-refundable** \$15.00 fee is due upon filing each **completed** petition. Incomplete petitions may be returned to you. The \$15.00 fee may be paid by cash, check or money order. Checks or money orders should be made payable to the **Clerk of the Circuit Court**. Filing fees for multiple petitions may be included in one check or money order.
- ◆ If you are appealing multiple vacant land parcels or condominium units, you must **first** complete form DR-486MU and submit it to the Property Appraiser’s Brooksville Office to determine if they can be filed under one petition. The completed form will be returned to you in order to attach it to the DR486. There are **additional filing fees** for multiple parcels being filed on one petition.
- ◆ You will receive your copy of the completed petition after filing it with the Clerk of the Value Adjustment Board.
- ◆ You will be contacted by the Clerk of the Value Adjustment Board regarding the date, time and place the petition is to be heard.

If you need further assistance, please contact the Property Appraiser’s Office. We’re here to serve you!

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**PETITION TO THE VALUE ADJUSTMENT BOARD
TRANSFER OF HOMESTEAD ASSESSMENT DIFFERENCE
REQUEST FOR HEARING**

DR-486PORT
R. 12/09

Rule 12D-16.002
Florida Administrative Code

This petition does not authorize the consideration or adjustment of the just, assessed, or taxable value of the previous homestead. You have the right to an informal conference with the property appraiser. This conference is not required and does not change your filing due date. You can present facts that support your claim and the property appraiser can present facts that support the correctness of the assessment. To request a conference, contact your county property appraiser.

COMPLETED BY CLERK OF THE VALUE ADJUSTMENT BOARD

Petition #	County	Tax Year	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	Date received
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COMPLETED BY THE PETITIONER

PART 1. Taxpayer Information

Taxpayer	Agent		
Mailing address for notices	Email	Phone	Fax

The standard way to receive information is by US mail. If possible, I prefer to receive information by: Email Fax

I will not attend the hearing but would like my evidence considered. You must submit duplicate copies of your evidence to the value adjustment board clerk. Florida law allows the property appraiser to cross examine or object to your evidence. The VAB special magistrate ruling will occur under the same statutory guidelines as if you were present.

	PREVIOUS HOMESTEAD	NEW HOMESTEAD
Parcel ID		
Physical address		
County		

PART 2. Reason for Petition Check all that apply.

- I was denied the transfer of the assessment difference from my previous homestead to my new homestead.
- I disagree with the assessment difference calculated by the property appraiser for transfer to my new homestead. I believe the amount that should be transferred is: \$ _____
- I filed late with the property appraiser for the transfer of my homestead assessment difference. Late filed homestead assessment difference petitions must include a copy of the application filed with the property appraiser and date stamped by the property appraiser.
- My previous homestead is in a different county. I am appealing action of the property appraiser in that county.
- Enter the time you will need to present your case. Most hearings take 15 minutes. The VAB is not bound by the requested time. For single joint petitions for multiple parcels, provide the time needed for the entire group.
- There are specific dates I or my witnesses will not be available to attend. I have attached a list of the dates.

You have the right to exchange evidence with the property appraiser. To initiate the exchange, you must submit your evidence directly to the property appraiser at least 15 days before the hearing and request the property appraiser's evidence. At the hearing, you have the right to have witnesses sworn.

PART 3. Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I am the owner of the property described in this petition or the authorized agent of the owner for purposes of filing this petition and for purposes of becoming agent for service of process under s.194.011(3)(g), F.S., and that I have read this petition and the facts stated in it are true.

Signature, taxpayer	Print Name	Date
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Signature, agent	Professional license number or FBN
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A petition filed by an unlicensed agent must be signed by the taxpayer or include written authorization from the taxpayer.

I am filing this petition after the petition deadline. I have attached a statement of the reasons I filed late and any documents that support my statement.

Your petition will not be complete until you pay the filing fee. When the VAB has reviewed and accepted it, they will assign a number, send you a confirmation, and give a copy to the property appraiser.

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Dear Property Owner:

An integral part of the Value Adjustment Board (VAB) petition filing process is the exchange of evidence between you, as the petitioner, and the Property Appraiser’s office.

Florida Statute 194.011(4) states in part:

(a) At least 15 days before the hearing the petitioner shall provide to the Property Appraiser a list of evidence to be presented at the hearing, together with copies of all documentation to be considered by the Value Adjustment Board and a summary of evidence to be presented by witnesses.

(b) No later than 7 days before the hearing if the petitioner has provided the information required under paragraph (a) AND IF REQUESTED IN WRITING BY THE PETITIONER, the Property Appraiser shall do the same.

Consequently, this letter is a formal written request for one (1) copy of any evidentiary material you will be presenting in support of your petition.

Please complete the attached “Exchange of Evidence” form LISTING ALL THE EVIDENCE YOU ARE SUBMITTING.

If you wish to submit additional evidence at a later date, within the 15 day filing period, simply fill out another form which can be obtained on our website at www.hernandocounty.us/pa/forms.asp

At the bottom of the Exchange of Evidence form, or on a separate sheet of paper, you may request the Property Appraiser’s Office provide our evidentiary material to you.

Please mail, hand deliver or e-mail the form and your evidence to:

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20 N. Main St. Rm. #463
Brooksville, FL 34601-2893
vab-pa@hernandocounty.us

Respectfully,

Alvin R. Mazourek, CFA
Hernando County Property Appraiser

Attachment: Exchange of Exchange Form

Rev. 5/14/10

**HERNANDO COUNTY
VALUE ADJUSTMENT BOARD
EXCHANGE OF EVIDENCE FORM**

PETITIONER: _____ PETITION #(s): _____

EXHIBIT #	BRIEF SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE
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* Attach an additional sheet if necessary

WITNESS NAME	BRIEF SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE (written or verbal)

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