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# County Clerk's Office

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

Applicant's name

Telephone number(s)

Mailing address

City

State

Zip

### Location and Description of Damaged or Destroyed Property

Home owner's name (if different from above)

Did the owner reside at this property?

Location of property (if different from above)

Date of disaster

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

Type of disaster (earthquake, flood, tornado, fire, storm, etc.)

(Describe damage below):

### 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.*

Signature of Applicant

Date

\*Applicant will be notified in writing of the County's preliminary staff findings and expected date for Board of County Commissioners consideration.

## Instructions

Applications must be received on or before **December 20** of the year following tax assessment of the damaged or destroyed property.

File your application with the **Sedgwick County Clerk's Office** at **525 N. Main, Suite 211 Wichita, KS. 67203**, or fax to 316-383-7961 or email to [sgclerk@sedgwick.gov](mailto:sgclerk@sedgwick.gov).

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.

## Thresholds for Eligibility

1. The Owner of a Homestead may be eligible for a property tax abatement or credit if that Homestead is "Destroyed, or Substantially Destroyed" as defined herein.
  - a. "Homestead" means the dwelling, or any part thereof, whether owned or rented, which is occupied as a residence by the household 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. "Owned" includes a vendee in possession under a land contract, a life tenant, a beneficiary under a trust and one or more joint tenants or tenants in common.
  - b. "Destroyed or Substantially Destroyed" means 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.
2. Damage is equal to or greater than 50% of the pre disaster value.