



Complaint no.: _____ Volume no.: _____ IDOR docket number: _____
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Part 1: Identify the property

- 1 County in which property is located
2 Property owner
3 Street address of property
City ZIP
4 Name of organization applying for the exemption (i.e., "applicant")
5 Yes No Is the applicant on Line 4 the lessee of the property? If "Yes," write the dates the lease is in effect. From To
Attach a copy of the contract or lease.

- 6 Parcel identifying number
Attach a copy of the property's legal description if the county has not assigned a number or if the property is a division.
7 Dimensions or acreage of this property
8 Date of ownership
Attach a copy of proof of ownership (deed, contract for deed, title insurance policy, condemnation order and proof of payment, etc.)

Part 2: Identify any previous exemptions or applications (Providing this information will expedite processing.)

- 9 Yes No Does the applicant have an Illinois sales tax exemption number? If "Yes," write the exemption number. E-
10 Yes No Has a previous application been filed for this property or by this applicant? If "Yes," write the Illinois Department of Revenue docket number, if known.

Part 3: Identify the property's use

- 11 Describe the specific activities that take place on this property (i.e., housing facilities for a minister or other similar official of a religious institution or religious denomination, public religious worship services or related functions, religious education and instruction, administrative support services). Write the exact date each activity began, how frequently it takes place, and the hours during which the activity is held.
12 If this property is used as a housing facility for a minister of a church or other similar official of a religious institution or religious denomination, answer the following questions.
a Yes No Is the minister or other official ordained, commissioned, licensed, or otherwise certified? If "No," attach documentation explaining his or her religious duties and responsibilities.
b Yes No Is the minister or other official required to reside in the property as a condition of employment or association?
c Yes No Does the minister or other official have any ownership interest in this property?
13 Yes No Did the activities described on Line 11 begin on the same date as the effective date of the lease on Line 5 or the date of ownership on Line 8, whichever is applicable? If "No," explain in detail how the property was used between the lease or ownership date and the date these activities began.

14 Identify each building's use, square feet of ground area (SFGA), number of stories, and whether or not there is a basement.

Table with 4 columns: Use, SFGA, No. of stories, Basement? (Y/N). Rows for Building 1, Building 2, Building 3.

- 15 Yes No Is any income derived from this property? If "Yes," explain in detail.
If applicable, attach a copy of any contracts or leases.
16 Yes No If granting this application will reduce the property's assessed valuation by \$100,000 or more, has the municipality, school district, and community college district in which the property is located been notified that this application has been filed?
Attach a copy of the notices and postal return receipts.

Part 4: Attach documentation

The following documents **must** be attached:

- Proof of ownership (copy of the deed, contract for deed, title insurance policy, condemnation order and proof of payment, etc.)
- Picture of the property
- Notarized affidavit of use
- Copies of any contracts or leases on the property

The documents identified on Lines 17 through 23 **may** be attached to expedite processing. Mark an "X" next to any documents that are attached.

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| 17 ___ Audited financial statements for the most recent year | 21 ___ Plot plan of each building's location on the property with each building and land area labeled with parcel identifying numbers and specific uses |
| 18 ___ Copy of the applicant's constitution, bylaws, and complete certified recorded copy of Articles of Incorporation, including purpose clause and all amendments | 22 ___ Copy of any Illinois Department of Revenue Exemption Certificate |
| 19 ___ Church bulletin and/or newsletter | 23 ___ Other (list) _____ |
| 20 ___ Copy of the notices to the municipality, school district, and community college district in which the property is located and postal return receipts if granting this application will reduce the property's assessed valuation by \$100,000 or more | _____ |
| | _____ |
| | _____ |

Part 5: Identify the person to contact regarding this application

24 _____ Name of applicant's representative	25 _____ Owner's name (if the applicant is not the owner)
_____ Mailing address (include rural route or P.O. box, if applicable)	_____ Mailing address (include rural route or P.O. box, if applicable)
City _____ State _____ ZIP _____ () _____	City _____ State _____ ZIP _____ () _____
Phone number _____	Phone number _____

Part 6: Signature

I, _____, _____, say that I have read the foregoing application and
(Name) (Position)
that all of the information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

(Signature) Date _____

Part 7: County Board of Review statement of facts

- 26** Current assessment \$ _____ For assessment year 20____
- 27** ___ Yes ___ No is this exemption application for a leasehold interest assessed to the applicant? If "Yes," write the Illinois Department of Revenue docket number for the exempt fee interest to the owner, if known. _____
- 28** State all of the facts considered by the County Board of Review in recommending approval or denial of this exemption application.
- _____
- _____

- 29** County Board of Review recommendation
- ___ Full year exemption
- ___ Partial year exemption From _____ To _____
- ___ Partial exemption for the following described portion of the property: _____
- ___ Deny exemption
- 30** Date of Board's action _____

Part 8: County Board of Review certification

I hereby certify this to be a correct statement of all facts arising in connection with proceedings on this exemption application.

Clerk (or Secretary in Cook County) of the County Board of Review's signature

Mail to: OFFICE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES
EXEMPTION SECTION (3-520)
ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
101 WEST JEFFERSON STREET
SPRINGFIELD IL 62702



General Instructions for Form PTAX-300-R

When must Form PTAX-300-R be completed?

Complete Form PTAX-300-R to apply for a non-homestead exemption under 35 ILCS 200/15-40 (religious).

- Complete Form PTAX-300-FS to apply for a non-homestead exemption under 35 ILCS 200/15-50 or 15-55 (federal or state agency).
- Complete Form PTAX-300 to apply for any other non-homestead exemption.

Which parts must the applicant complete?

The applicant must complete Parts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6. The County Board of Review must complete Parts 7 and 8.

Complete all lines and attach all required documents or the County Board of Review will **not** accept the incomplete exemption application. If there is not enough space on this form to answer a question fully, attach additional sheets. On the top of each additional sheet, identify the number of each question to which a response is being made.

Note: The Cook County Board of Review requires that a complaint form be filed in addition to Form PTAX-300-R.

What must be attached to Form PTAX-300-R?

The following documents **must** be attached to Form PTAX-300-R:

- Proof of ownership (deed, contract for deed, title insurance policy, copy of the condemnation order and proof of payment, *etc.*)
- Picture of the property
- Notarized affidavit of use
- Copies of any contracts or leases on the property

To expedite processing, attach additional documents as specified in Part 4.

Must any taxing bodies be notified that an exemption application has been filed?

If granting this application will reduce the property's assessed valuation by \$100,000 or more, the municipality, school district, and community college district (in which the property is located) must be notified that this application has been filed.

How many forms must be filed if an exemption for multiple parcels is being sought?

File **one** application in both of the following situations:

- Multiple parcels acquired by the same deed — Form PTAX-300-R must identify any variation of use or other qualifying information or characteristic (*e.g.*, leases, photos, affidavits of use) by parcel identifying number.
- A single parcel that was acquired by multiple deeds

File a **separate** application for **each** parcel if multiple parcels were acquired by separate deeds, unless all four of the following conditions are met:

- The parcels are contiguous.
- All deeds were acquired before the year for which the exemption is now being sought.
- Form PTAX-300-R identifies which parcel identifying numbers are associated with each deed.
- Form PTAX-300-R identifies any variation of use or other qualifying information or characteristic (*e.g.*, leases, photos, affidavits of use) by parcel identifying number and deed.

Where is Form PTAX-300-R to be filed?

File the completed Form PTAX-300-R with the County Board of Review. Contact the County Board of Review where the property is located to determine the filing deadline and session dates.

The County Board of Review considers exemption applications for the assessment year for which the Board is in session only. It **cannot** consider an exemption for a previous or subsequent assessment year.

How is a property's exempt status determined?

The following text is a brief outline of the procedures used to determine exempt status. For more information, see 35 ILCS 200/15-5 through 15-160, 16-70, 16-130, and the Illinois Administrative Code, Title 86, Chapter 1, Section 110.115, Non-homestead Exemption Proceedings, and Sections 200.101 through 200.225, Practice and Procedure for Hearings Before the Illinois Department of Revenue. Links to these references are available on the Illinois Department of Revenue's web site at www.ltax.com.

Step 1

Obtain Form PTAX-300-R from the County Board of Review where the property is located. Complete the form, attach all required documents, and file the form after it is signed with the County Board of Review.

Step 2

The County Board of Review may hold a hearing to evaluate the application and supporting documents.

Step 3

The County Board of Review completes the Statement of Facts and recommends whether or not the exemption should be granted before forwarding Form PTAX-300-R and all supporting documents to the Illinois Department of Revenue.

Step 4

The department assigns a docket number, reviews the facts regarding the application, and determines whether or not the exemption should be granted.

Note: In some instances, the department will request more information from the applicant, who has 30 days from the date of the department's request to provide that information.

The department mails its decision to

- the applicant,
- any intervenors,
- the County Clerk,
- the County Assessor (Cook and St. Clair Counties), and
- the Clerk of the County Board of Review.

The department's decision is final unless the applicant (or another party to the matter) requests a formal hearing.

How is a formal hearing requested if the applicant disagrees with the department's decision?

Formal hearing requests must be made within 60 days after the date of the department's decision. Mail requests for a formal hearing to the address provided on the exemption decision. The request will be forwarded to the Administrative Hearings Division.

Specific Instructions for Form PTAX-300-R

Part 1: Identify the property

Line 1 — Write the name of the county in which this property is located.

Line 2 — Write the property owner as shown on the deed or other proof of ownership.

Line 3 — Write the property's street address.

Line 4 — Write the name of the organization applying for the exemption (*i.e.*, "applicant").

Line 5 — Indicate whether or not the applicant on Line 4 is the lessee of the property by marking an "X" in the appropriate space. If "Yes," write the dates the lease is in effect. **Attach a copy of the contract or lease.**

Line 6 — Write the parcel identifying number. The chief county assessment officer or the County Board of Review can provide this number. **Attach a copy of the property's legal description if the county has not assigned a number or if the property is a division.**

Line 7 — Write the dimensions (square footage) or acreage of this property.

Line 8 — Write the date on which ownership began. **Attach a copy of proof of ownership (deed, contract for deed, or title insurance policy, etc.).** If the property was obtained through condemnation, write the date the condemnation proceedings were filed and **attach a copy of the condemnation order and proof of payment.**

Part 2: Identify any previous exemptions or applications

Line 9 — Indicate whether or not the applicant has an Illinois sales tax exemption number by marking an "X" in the appropriate space. If "Yes," write the exemption number.

Line 10 — Indicate whether or not a previous property tax exemption application has been filed for this property or applicant by marking an "X" in the appropriate space. If "Yes," write the Illinois Department of Revenue docket number, if known.

Part 3: Identify the property's use

Line 11 — Describe the specific activities that take place on this property. Write the exact date each activity began, how frequently it takes place, and the hours during which the activity is held. **Do not** state conclusions about the type of activity such as "charitable" or "educational." If the property contains more than one building or a building contains more than one floor, separately describe the activities that take place in each building and on each floor. Include the square footage of each building and floor used for each activity.

Line 12 — If this property is used as a housing facility for a minister of a church or other similar official of a religious institution or religious denomination, answer questions in items 12a, 12b, and 12c.

Line 13 — Indicate whether or not the activities described on Line 11 began on the **same** date as the effective date of the lease on Line 5 or the date of ownership on Line 8, whichever is applicable, by marking an "X" in the appropriate space. If "No," explain in detail how the property was used between the lease or ownership date and the date these activities began.

Line 14 — Identify the use of each building on the property (*e.g.*, school, sanctuary). Write the square feet of ground area (SFGA) covered by each building, the number of stories, and indicate whether or not there is a basement.

Line 15 — Indicate whether or not **any** income is derived from the property by marking an "X" in the appropriate space. If "Yes," write the sources and the corresponding amount of income. **If applicable, attach a copy of any contracts or leases.**

Line 16 — If granting this application will reduce the property's assessed valuation by \$100,000 or more, the municipality, school district, and community college district in which the property is located must be notified that this application has been filed. Indicate whether or not notice has been given to these taxing districts by marking an "X" in the appropriate space. **Attach a copy of the notices and postal return receipts.**

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The documents identified on Lines 17 through 23 **may** be attached to expedite processing. Mark an "X" next to any documents that are attached.

Line 23 — If this property is used as a parking area, playground, lawn, or other ancillary use to an already exempt parcel, attach a copy of the Illinois Department of Revenue Exemption Certificate for the exempt parcel. Make a clear distinction between the parcel that is already exempt and the property for which exemption is now being sought. Describe how each parcel is used and indicate the proximity of the parcels to each other.

Part 5: Identify the person to contact regarding this application

Line 24 — Write the name, address, and phone number of the person the County Board of Review and the Illinois Department of Revenue should contact regarding this application.

Line 25 — If the applicant is not the owner, write the owner's name, address, and phone number.

Part 6: Signature

The application must be signed, verifying that all of the information is true and correct to the best of the applicant's knowledge and belief.

SAMPLE DOCUMENT

AFFIDAVIT OF USE

_____(owner/agent)_____, being first duly sworn on oath, deposes and says that he is the _____(title)_____ for the _____(organization)_____ in McHenry County in the State of Illinois, and in that capacity is submitting the attached application for a Property Tax Exemption behalf of the said _____(organization)_____ for a certain parcel of property, with PINs _____(parcel number(s))_____ in McHenry County, and was acquired by the _____(organization)_____ for _____(purpose)_____.

Affiant signature

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this _____ Day of _____, 20____ _____ Notary Public
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