



# Property Tax Relief – Request for Hearing

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Legislative and Legal Services, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, North Wing, Community Centre, 401 Festival Ave, Sherwood Park

Phone 780-464-8299 Fax 780-464-8123

Please provide the following information so that your request for tax relief can be added to the Council agenda:

Name of Property Owner Natalena Lavorato

Property (Address, Legal Description, or Tax Roll number of the property for which tax relief is sought)

Tax Roll - 2310305004 Address - 23246 TWP RD 521A

Contact Phone Number:

Email Address:

Please select which tax relief category applies to your request (see details on reverse or in the County's *Property Tax Relief* policy:

- ☐ Error in Fact
- ☐ Tax Exempt Properties While Under Construction
- ☒ Compassionate Grounds
- ☐ Other

Please provide details of the property tax relief being sought, the year it is being sought for, and what the amount is. Further details may be attached to this form. Any documents you wish to rely on, or to have Council consider, must be included as part of this request form.

- I was not aware of the change to the assessment of my land
- I was not receiving any notifications by mail and was not aware that I needed to update my address with Assessment and Tax
- I was shocked to find out that my land was classified as "vacant land" rather than "farmland" for the years of 2019 and 2020
- Because of my age and health issues, I find it very challenging to attend to these matters and was not aware of the financial consequences
- It would be burdensome for me to pay this amount
- I am asking Council to waive the property tax and related penalties in the amount of \$7917.68 for the years 2019 and 2020

## Collection and use of personal information

Personal information is being collected under the authority of s. 33 (c) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and will be used to manage and administer Strathcona County's Property Tax Relief program. If you have any questions about the collection, use or disclosure of your personal information, contact the Manager, Governance, Legislative and Legal Services, Strathcona County at 780-400-2007.

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I certify that the information I have provided in this Property Tax Relief - Request for Hearing form is correct to the best of my knowledge, and that I am the property owner of the property described above, for which I am seeking tax relief:

Lena (Natalia)  
Signature – Property Owner *Lena*

Jan. 27/2021  
Date

Once complete, please return this form to Strathcona County's Legislative and Legal Services Department. The Legislative and Legal Services department will be in contact to set up a hearing date in front of Council.

An application for property tax relief must be presented to Council at a regular Council meeting. Council will consider the request and make a decision. In making its decision Council will consider the impact of the property tax relief on all property tax payers in the County. Presentations, deliberations, and decisions will typically be conducted in a public Council meeting.

Further information can be found in Strathcona County's *Property Tax Relief* policy, found on the County's website.

Council may consider tax relief applications that fall into one of the following categories:

### Error in Fact

- only applicable to objective and material errors such as building characteristics or tax-exempt status, but does not include subjective property valuation assessment matters
- only available for the current or prior taxation year

### Tax Exempt Properties While Under Construction

- request must be made by a tax-exempt organization
- construction must currently be in progress on facilities on the property that will be used for a tax-exempt purpose upon completion of the construction
- only applies to up to three consecutive taxation years

### Compassionate Grounds

- a death or critical illness in the family has made it difficult or impossible to meet the tax obligations, and a late-payment penalty was incurred as a result
- only applies to the penalty portion of the tax assessment, and only to the current taxation year

Tax relief requests that do not fall into these three categories may require additional evidence to demonstrate that granting relief will not result in an undue burden on all other property tax payers in the County. These requests may be made to Council in the "Other" category.

Council will generally not grant tax relief in the following circumstances:

1. Taxes imposed for the designated industrial property requisition.
2. Taxes or penalties relating to more than one prior taxation year.
3. Amounts added to the tax roll that do not relate to the annual property assessment and taxation process, including but not limited to:
  - a. charges arising from the tax recovery process;
  - b. unpaid violation tickets;
  - c. utility consumption or installation charges; or



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- d. any penalties, interests or other charges related to those amounts.