



ELLIS COUNTY CLERK

718 Main Street, Hays, KS 67601

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

Is the cost of restoring the residence at least 50% of the original structure market value? Yes No

Describe the damage below:

Do you own a new homestead in Ellis 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 Ellis 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 _____

FOR CLERK'S USE ONLY DATE RECEIVED: _____ PIN #: _____
TAX YEAR: _____ ASSESSED VALUE: _____ TAX PMT HISTORY: _____

Instructions

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

File your completed application with the
Ellis County Clerk's Office
718 Main St, Hays, KS 67601
fax to 785-628-9413 or email to bdreiling@ellisco.net

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.

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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 following year after the date of damage/destruction.

