



Application for Property Tax Exemption

For a facility used as a *thrift shop* to be considered only under MGA Section 362(1)(n) and Alberta Regulation 281/98 15(h)

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In completing this application, it may be necessary to provide certain answers in an attachment, if sufficient room is not available. Please clearly mark your attachments with the section and question numbers you are answering. Thank you.

I. PROPERTY INFORMATION

1. Name of non-profit organization holding and using the facility for which the exemption is requested.	Business Identifier (BID)
2. Address of property for which exemption is requested	
3. Name of property owner	
4. Address of property owner	
5. Telephone number of property owner	Email of property owner
6. A) Does the non-profit organization occupy <input type="checkbox"/> the entire property <input type="checkbox"/> portion of the property B) For exactly how many square feet on this property is "exempt from taxation" status being requested? _____ Sq. Ft.	
7. A) Does your organization use a parking area on this property? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No B) Please state the number of individual parking stalls or total size of your organization's parking area (square feet), and its purpose (e.g. customer parking, staff parking, etc.): Surface parking stalls _____ Purpose: _____ Underground parking stalls _____ Purpose: _____ Parking area _____ Sq. Ft. Purpose: _____ C) Does your organization lease or sub-lease parking spaces on this property to another party? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If Yes , please attach a current lease. D) Does your organization own or lease a parking area on another property to use in relation to this property? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If Yes , please attach a current lease or title.	
8. Is there a lease, license or permit in place that confirms the portion of the property occupied by the organization? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO If yes, provide a copy.	
9. For what specific purpose is the above property used (e.g. administration, fund raising, recreation, meeting rooms, etc.)? Please ensure a graphical map of the area is also included as requested in Section VIII (6) of this application form. This map must clearly describe the area for which exemption is requested, as well as the uses that take place on separate parts of this area.	
10. Will the non-profit organization be located at this address from January 01 to December 31 during the current taxation year? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO If yes, does the lease requested in question #7 confirm occupancy and termination dates? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO If no, please provide occupancy and termination dates.	

11. Is any portion of the area described in question #8 occupied or used by another organization or individual? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO If yes, please provide details.
12. In what type of buildings is the organization located? <input type="checkbox"/> Retail <input type="checkbox"/> Office <input type="checkbox"/> Residential <input type="checkbox"/> Special Use <input type="checkbox"/> Warehouse <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please Specify) _____

II. NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

1. Name of non-profit organization holding and using the facility for which exemption from taxes is requested.
2. Organization's objectives/purposes.
3. Act under which organization is established or incorporated as a non-profit organization (e.g. <i>Societies Act</i>). Please provide copy of registration.
4. Does organization have registered charitable status with Canada Revenue Agency (CRA)? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO If yes, provide registration number.
5. Does the organization receive funding from external sources? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO If yes, please provide details in an attachment.
6. Has a property occupied by this organization received an exemption in previous years? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO If yes, was it for this property? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO If no, please provide the address(es) of your other exempt location(s) - _____ Is the organization still occupying space at this location(s)? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO If no, please provide the date the organization moved out - _____

III. PROPERTY USE INFORMATION

1. In a typical month, how many hours is the property open and available for use?
2. In a typical month, for how many hours is the property actually used: (A) for activities co-ordinated by your organization for the purpose under which this application is made? _____ (B) for other purposes used by other organizations or individuals (e.g. hall rentals, activities co-ordinated by organizations other than yours) ? _____
3. Under any circumstances, are the users of the property required to pay a fee? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO If yes, please provide details.
4. Are there any memberships related to the use of the property? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO If yes, please provide details (e.g. membership fees and rules).

5. Are there any reasons why someone would be denied access to the property? (E.g. age, culture, ethnic origin, ability to pay, etc.) Please be specific.

6. Do you have a policy to allow members of the general public who cannot meet the fee or other requirements to continue to use the facility?

YES NO

If yes, please provide details or a copy of your policy.

IV. RETAIL COMMERCIAL, LICENSED AREAS

1. Are any goods, food beverages or services sold from this location? YES NO
If no, go to question #6. If yes, please note that this area is termed a "retail commercial area".

2. Specifically, what goods or services are sold from the retail commercial area?

3. Who operates and occupies the retail commercial area?

The non-profit organization making this application
 Other organization or individual – please name _____

4. If the organization is the operator of this area, for what purpose is the net income from the retail commercial area used?

5. Are the goods or services provided in the retail commercial area in the facility similar to goods or services provided by other organizations or businesses? YES NO
If yes, please provide a list of these organizations or businesses.

6. Is an area within the facility licensed under the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Regulation AR (143/96)? YES NO
If yes, please specify and supply a copy of the licence.

GAMING	LIQUOR
Class _____ Area _____ Sq.Ft.	Class _____ Area _____ Sq.Ft.

V. PROPERTY USE INFORMATION SPECIFIC TO A FACILITY USED AS A THRIFT SHOP

1. Describe the thrift shop related activities that take place at this facility.

2. In a typical month, how many hours is the facility used for the activities described in question #1?

3. What types of items do you sell? (check each box that applies)

New items Are these items donated to you? purchased by you?
 Used items Are these items donated to you? purchased by you?

4. Are people in need able to receive goods free of charge? If yes:	
A) What policies or criteria do you use to determine who qualifies for this service?	
B) What percentage of your shop's clientele benefit from this service?	
5. Do you accept coupons or vouchers from agencies or shelters, etc.? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
6. Are your store workers paid or volunteers?	

VI. CONTACT INFORMATION

Contact Name		Position With Organization	
Telephone	Email		
Preferred Mailing Address	City	Province	Postal Code
Organization's President		Telephone	
Organization's Treasurer		Telephone	

VIII. OTHER REQUIRED INFORMATION

- Certificate of Incorporation as a non-profit organization
- Copy of most current financial statements
- Confirmation of charitable status with Canada Revenue Agency, if so registered.
- Applicable current lease, license or permit
- Plan showing the uses of specific areas that clearly outline:
 - a. any separate areas and the different purposes for which they are used (e.g. the exempt purpose use, office storage, common area);
 - b. the “retail commercial area” if there is one; and
 - c. the Gaming and/or Liquor licensed area, if there is one**A hand drawn graphic plan is acceptable.**
- Letter from property owner to the non-profit organization that confirms the property owner:
 - a. is aware of this exemption application;
 - b. understands that, if the property qualifies for exempt from taxation status, The City will determine the amount of taxes attributable to the “exempt from taxation” portion of the property based on methodology that may be different from that used by the landlord; and
 - c. agrees to pass on to the organization making this application the full benefit of any tax exemption extended as a result of this application
- Current list of top three employees’ titles and their annual remuneration (**except for organizations with CRA registered charitable status**)
- Additional information requested as part of any question posed on this application must also be supplied.
- Any available brochures, newsletters relating to your organization

Important Notice

Information requested for the Property Tax Exemption Application is pursuant to section 295 of the Municipal Government Act (MGA) whereby failing to provide adequate information you may lose your right to file a complaint against the taxable status of the property or business. If you do not submit a complete Property Tax Exemption Application with supporting documentation, your property or business may be deemed taxable for the current taxation year.

IX. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND CERTIFICATION

I certify that I am authorized to submit this application on behalf of the organization, and that the information provided on this application form, and as attachments to this form, is true and accurate in every respect and that all information required under Section VIII of this application is included. I understand that the application will only be considered at such time as the responses to the application’s questions are complete in every respect and that all additional information requested as part of the application’s questions, or in Section VIII, have been provided. I understand also that the application will only be considered under the “exempt from taxation” classification to which it refers.

Name (Please Print)	Date
Position	Signature

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO:

**THE CITY OF CALGARY
 ASSESSMENT BUSINESS UNIT IMC: 8002
 CUSTOMER & GOVERNANCE SERVICES
 P.O. BOX 2100, STATION M
 CALGARY AB T2P 2M5
 PH: (403) 268-2888 OR EMAIL: Assessment.Exemptions@calgary.ca**

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