

Application # \_\_\_\_\_



## City of Virginia Beach

### Application for City Code §35-41 Energy Efficient Buildings Tax Reduction

Date of Application: \_\_\_\_\_ Check Number (if paying by check): \_\_\_\_\_

Building/Property Owner Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Property location (for the building you are filing):

GPIN: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

(Property GPIN can be found by searching the property address on the Real Estate Assessor's Property Search tool, located here: <https://propertysearch.virginiabeach.gov/>)

In accordance with *Code of Virginia §58.1-3221.2*, Energy-efficient buildings are a separate classification of property from other types of real property. The classification for energy-efficient buildings does not include the underlying real property.

In addition to this application, the following information is to be submitted to Permits and Inspections for review and inspection to certify a building as energy efficient:

1. Documentation indicating the building exceeds the energy efficiency standards prescribed in the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code by **30 percent**.
  - a. Energy-efficient building certification for purposes of this subsection shall be determined by any qualified architect, professional engineer, or licensed contractor who

is not related to the taxpayer and who shall certify to the taxpayer that he/she is qualified to provide the certification.

- b. Buildings shall be deemed in compliance if they **meet or exceed** performance standards of the Green Globes Green Building Rating System of the Green Building Initiative, the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) rating system of the U.S. Green Building Council, the guidelines under the EarthCraft House Program, or are qualified Energy Star compliant buildings under the Energy Star program developed by the United States Environmental Protection Agency.
2. Documentation of the previous fiscal year real assessment for the building (this info can be found by searching the property address on the Real Estate Assessor's Property Search tool, located here: <https://propertysearch.virginiabeach.gov/>)

Upon review of the City building official, the application and a Certificate of Occupancy, through the issuance of a permit, review of submitted documentation, and inspection verification, indicates the building is in compliance with *Code of Virginia §58.1-3221.2* shall be forwarded to the Commissioner of the Revenue and the Real Estate Assessor for purposes of the City land book and assessment.

**The applicant is required to NOT be in arrears with the City.**

The building owner will be notified within 30 days of the decision of the City building official. If qualified, the Commissioner of the Revenue and the Real Estate Assessor will adjust the tax levy on all real estate improvements classified as energy efficient (not exempt from taxation) to the lower tax rate. The real property tax rate imposed in this section shall be applied based on one hundred per centum of fair market value of such real property except for public service property, which shall be on the basis as provided in Section 58.1-2604 of the Code of Virginia.

### **Certification**

I hereby certify that the information above is correct.

Signature of Building Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Return Completed Applications to:

**Office of Permits and Inspections** / Department of Planning  
2875 Sabre Street  
Suite 500, Room 109  
Virginia Beach, VA 23452

Main: (757) 385-4211 (option 3)  
Fax: (757) 385-5777