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Claim of Exemption Form

PURSUANT TO SECTION 7-38-17 AND NMAC 3.6.7 .25, exemptions from assessment for property taxes of real property belonging to or used by non-governmental entities must be claimed to be allowed. The application for an exemption must be filed no later than 30 days after the mailing of notice of valuation, /which is normally on or around April 1 of each tax year). In the absence of a completed application for exemption, the property will be assessed as non-exempt. Once an exemption is claimed and allowed, and neither ownership nor use of the property changes, the exemption shall be applied by the Assessor in subsequent years.

RECOMMENDED DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE ASSESSOR

- IRS 501 /C) designation letter
- State Corporation Commission non-profit designation and certificate of good standing
- Attorney General of New Mexico Registry of Charitable Organizations certificate
- Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws
- City, State or Federal Licenses
- National Affiliations
- Deed or lease showing authorization to use property
- IRS Form 990 submittals
- Brochures showing religious, educational, or charitable services offered
- Application forms for receipt of services
- Curriculum
- Mission Statement
- Photographs; Maps; Floorplans

PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

Tax Year for Which Exemption is Claimed: _____

Account Number: _____

Location Number: _____

Name of Entity Claiming Exemption

Contact Person

Name of Owner of Property:

Address of Property (*include city*)

Physical Address

Mailing Address

Mailing Address

Email Address

Email Address

Phone Number

Phone Number

LEGAL BASIS FOR EXEMPTION CLAIMED

CHURCH PROPERTY NOTUSED FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES

- Property must be owned by the church; AND Not used for commercial purposes.
- Permitted uses include, but are not limited to: religious services, education, outreach, housing for clergy, and property necessary for the church use (such as parking lots, playgrounds, outbuildings for storage).
- Commercial use includes thrift stores, commercial parking lots, gift shops, rental, etc. Even if all funds are used to support the charity

Document all uses

EDUCATION

- Direct, immediate, primary, and substantial use of the property for education embracing systematic instruction in any, and all branches of learning.
- Educational entity need not own property; can use it under a lease.
- Need not be a non-profit, can be a for-profit educational institution.
- Document who are the students or recipients of the educational services, what is the curriculum, what *is* the schedule for the provision of educational services, daily and annually.

CHARITABLE

- Direct, immediate, primary, and substantial use of the property to confer a benefit of real worth and importance to an indefinite *class* of persons who are part of the public and are either aged, financially disadvantaged, ill, or otherwise in need of assistance
- Charitable can include conservation of land or archaeological resources.
- Charitable use does not include use for thrift *stores*, gift shops, rental, etc. even if all funds are used to support the charity
- Document the services provided, the guidelines for eligibility to receive the services, the availability of the services to the public, the time dedicated to providing services (daily, once a month, etc.)

Cemetery - Not held for Private or Corporate Profit

Other - Specify Constitutional Provision Allowing the Exemption

I hereby certify that the above is true and correct.

Property Owner or Authorized Agent

Date

A property owner may protest the denial of an exemption by filing a petition of protest with the County Assessor's Office no later than thirty (30) days after the mailing of the Notice of Values.

OFFICIAL USE ONLY

Approved

Denied

County Assessor or Deputy Assessor

Date