



2013 REAL PROPERTY PROTEST FORM

Please mail completed form to:
Mesa County Assessor's Office
P.O. Box 20,000
Grand Junction, CO 81502-5003

Protests will be accepted through June 1 at the
Mesa County Assessor's Office Courthouse Annex
6th & White Downtown Grand Junction.

Office hours: 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Telephone Number (970) 244-1720
Fax Number: (970) 244-1790

Protests must be postmarked no later than June 1.

TO HELP US SERVE YOU
APPOINTMENTS ARE REQUESTED
PLEASE CALL: (970) 244-1720

Parcel Number: _____

Account Number: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Property Address: _____

Daytime phone number: _____

YOU MAY ELECT TO COMPLETE THIS
FORM TO PROTEST YOUR PROPERTY
VALUE OR CLASSIFICATION.

Complete one form for each parcel

REAL PROPERTY VALUATION PROTEST: If you disagree with the "current year actual value" or the classification determined for your property, you may file a protest by mail or in person with the County Assessor.

What is your estimate of the property's value as of June 30, 2012? _____

What is the basis for your estimate of value or your reason for requesting a review? (Please attach additional sheets as necessary and any supporting documentation i.e., comparable sales, photos, rent roll, appraisal, etc.)

Attestation: I, the undersigned owner or agent* of the property identified above, affirm that the statements contained herein and on any attachments hereto are true and complete.

Signature Telephone Number Date

*Attach letter of authorization signed by the property owner.

Colorado law currently requires a two-year reappraisal cycle for all real property. 2014 is the second, or intervening year of the current two (2) year cycle. For most properties, the valuation for assessment for the 2014 tax roll will be the same as it was in 2013. These figures appear on your 2013 Property Tax Notice under "Actual Value." It represents the actual value of your property as of 6/30/2012, as required by law. The Residential assessment rate is projected to remain at 7.96%. All other property is generally assessed at 29% of its "Actual Value." If, for any reason, the Assessor's Office changes the valuation for the 2014 tax year, we will notify you of the change by May 1, 2014.

This notification is being sent along with your 2014 property tax notice, as a combined effort of the Mesa County Treasurer and Assessor. Including this notice with your tax bill saves the taxpayers of Mesa County over \$35,000.

TO REQUEST YOUR ELECTRONIC NOTICE OF VALUATION IN MAY, visit the Assessor website at www.mesacounty.us/enov/ and click on the link for **eNOV registration**, fill it out and click the submit button. We will take care of the rest. Questions? Call our office at: (970) 244-1610.

**PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR SENIOR CITIZENS
AND DISABLED VETERANS**

A property tax exemption is available to senior citizens, surviving spouses of senior citizens, and disabled veterans. For those who qualify, 50 percent of the first \$200,000 in actual value of their primary residence is exempted. The state pays the exempted portion of the property tax. Once approved, the exemption remains in effect for the future years, and the applicant should not reapply.

SENIOR CITIZEN EXEMPTION

The exemption is available to applicants who: a) are at least 65 years of age as of January 1 of the year of the application, b) owned their home for at least 10 years as of January 1, and c) occupied it as their primary residence for at least 10 years as of January 1. Limited exceptions to the ownership and occupancy requirements are detailed in the qualifications section of the application. The senior citizen exemption is also available to surviving spouse of senior citizens who met the requirements on any January 1 after 2003. **The application deadline is July 16.** The application form is available from and **must be submitted to the county Assessor at the following address:**

**Mesa County Assessor's Office
544 Rood Avenue P.O. Box 20,000
Grand Junction, CO 81502
(970) 683-4388
assessor@mesacounty.us**

DISABLED VETERAN EXEMPTION

The exemption is available to applicants who: a) sustained a service-connected disability while serving on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States, b) were honorably discharged, and c) were rated by United States Department of Veterans Affairs as one hundred percent "permanent and total" disabled. VA unemployability awards do not meet the requirement for determining an applicant's eligibility. The applicant must have owned and occupied the home as his or her primary residence since January 1 of the year of application; however, limited exceptions to the ownership and occupancy requirements are detailed in the eligibility requirements section of the application. **The application deadline is July 2.** Application forms are available from the Division of Veterans Affairs at the address and telephone number shown below and from the website of the Colorado Division of Property Taxation at www.dola.colorado.gov/dpt/ **Completed applications must be submitted to the Colorado Division of Veterans Affairs at the following address:**

**Colorado Department of Military and Veteran Affairs
Division of Veterans Affairs
1355 S. Colorado Blvd., Bldg C, Ste. 113
Denver, Colorado 80222
Telephone: (303) 343-1268 Fax: (303) 343-7238
www.dmva.state.co.us/page/va/prop_tax**