Application for Property Tax Exemption

Please complete this application for each parcel owned by the organization. Please print or type the information requested below. If additional space is needed, use an extra sheet of paper and number each item to correspond with the number in question. A copy of this application is available in the Town Assessor’s Office at Town Hall.

1. Name of owner: ___________________________________________________

2. Property address: _____________________________________________________

3. Mailing address (if different): ____________________________________________

4. Parcel Identification: Plat ____________ Lot ____________ Unit ____________

5. Type of organization (religious, fraternal, veteran’s, educational, library, etc.)
   (501(c) is an IRS designation and does not apply to local property tax)
   _______________________________________________________________________

6. Under what section of statutes or public laws or local ordinance are you claiming exemption from taxation?
   _______________________________________________________________________

7. Are the facilities, or any portion thereof, leased, rented, or used by persons or organizations other than the applicant hereof? Yes _____  No ________ (if the answer is YES, explain in detail on a separate sheet of paper and list each person and/or organization leasing the property).

8. What are the sources of income of the applicant? (membership dues, donations, sale of goods, rental income, etc.) ________________________________

9. How are these monies expended? (please attach an itemized expense statement detailing how all income is expended)

10. IS there any type of commercial establishment or operation located on the premises?
    YES ______ NO ________ (if the answer is YES, describe the establishment or operation in detail on a separate sheet of paper)
11. Is a city or state license or permit required for any function or operation held or located on the premises? YES _________ NO __________ (if the answer is YES, describe the establishment or operation in detail on a separate sheet of paper).

12. When was the organization chartered? ______________________________________________
   (Month)                         (Day)                         (Year)

13. Name and address of parent organization (if different from #1 or #2)

_____________________________________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________________________

I, the undersigned, holding the office of ______________________________ in the above organization, do hereby swear or affirm that the answers to the above questions are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signed _________________________________________________
(Please print name) _____________________________________________________________________

Subscribed and sworn before me on this the ________________ day of _____________, ___________
(date)                                       (month)                  (year)

Notary Public _________________________________________________________________________

Expiration date _________________________ Seal here ___________________

Note: A certified copy of the organization’s charter, or a certified copy of the special act of the legislature, or a copy of the city ordinance or resolution (if any exists) and a copy of the organization’s constitution and by-laws (with the latest amendments thereto) must be submitted with this application.

Rhode Island case law has established the doctrine that laws exempting properties from taxation are to be strictly construed, and exemptions cannot be read into the statutes. The organization applying for this permit should not presume the grant of an exemption, and any doubt or ambiguity must be resolved in favor of taxation. The burden of proof is upon the organization requesting said exemption to show that they are within the terms of the statute.