

**APPLICATION FOR RURAL RATE RELIEF**

Please Read the notes on the back before filling in and sending back this form to:  
Great Yarmouth Borough Council, Revenue and Customer Services, Greyfriars  
House, Greyfriars Way, Great Yarmouth, NR30 2QE.

Address of property for which relief is being claimed: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address of ratepayer (if different to above): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Name of ratepayer: \_\_\_\_\_

Property Ref No: \_\_\_\_\_ Rateable value: £ \_\_\_\_\_

Details about your business:

PLEASE TICK

Is your property a general store? Yes  No

Is your property a post office? Yes  No

Is your property a public house? Yes  No

Is your property a petrol station? Yes  No

Is it the only such business within your settlement? Yes  No

Is your property on land previously used for agricultural purposes? Yes  No

If your property is not a general store, post office, public house, or petrol station  
please give details of the purpose(s) for which it is used: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

In what way is your business of benefit to the local community: \_\_\_\_\_

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**IF YOU ARE APPLYING FOR DISCRETIONARY RELIEF, PLEASE SEND A COPY  
OF YOUR AUDITED ACCOUNTS FOR THE LATEST FINANCIAL YEAR.**

Declaration: I declare that the information I have given on this form is complete and  
accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name in block letters \_\_\_\_\_ Tel No. \_\_\_\_\_

## **Rural Rate Relief**

### **1. What is Rural Rate Relief**

This is a scheme to help rural businesses. There is a mandatory relief which gives some ratepayers a statutory entitlement to 50% rate relief. There is also a discretionary relief which enables a local authority to grant:

- (a) top up relief to 100% to those ratepayers in receipt of mandatory relief;
- (b) up to 100% relief to certain other rural ratepayers.

### **2. Mandatory Relief**

To qualify for 50% mandatory relief the property must:

- (a) be within the boundaries of a qualifying settlement (see below);
- (b) be the sole village shop or post office with a rateable value of up to £8,500 or the sole public house or petrol station with a rateable value of up to £12,500;
- (c) be used in whole or part as a qualifying food store or post office (or both), a public house or a petrol station;
- (d) be the only general store, post office, public house or petrol station in the settlement.

To qualify for mandatory relief a general store must wholly or mainly sell food for human consumption and general household goods. Please note that, for these purposes confectionary does not count as 'food for human consumption'.

The mandatory relief has now been extended to include all "food stores". A food store is one which wholly or mainly sells (by retail) food for human consumption (excluding confectionary, food for consumption on these premises and hot food for consumption off the premises).

### **3. Discretionary Relief**

Local Authorities may grant additional relief to any general store and/or post office which qualifies for mandatory relief. They may also grant up to 100% rate relief to any rural business provided that:

- (a) it is within the boundaries of a rural settlement (see below);
- (b) it has a rateable value of £16,500 or less;
- (c) it is used for purposes which are of benefit to the local community;
- (d) it is reasonable for the Council to make such a decision having regard to the interests of council tax payers.

### **4. Which areas qualify as rural settlements?**

Ashby, Browston, Burgh Castle, Filby, Fleggburgh, Fritton, Hopton, Mautby, Ormesby St Margaret, Ormesby St Michael, Repps, Rollesby, St Olaves, Scratby, Somerton, Stokesby with Herringby, Thurne, West Caister, Winterton-on-Sea.

The following areas do not qualify, either because they have not been designated by the Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions as rural or because they have a population in excess of 3,000.

Belton, Bradwell, Caister-on-Sea, Gorleston, Great Yarmouth, Hemsby, Martham.