

## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR NOTIFICATION TO ABUTTERS**

*According to Black's Law Dictionary, an abutter is an "owner of adjoining land; one whose property abuts another's." As such, to satisfy the legal requirement of notice to an abutter, the applicant only needs to give notice to the owners of all the properties whose boundaries touch the boundaries (front, back, left and right) of the premises where the business is intending to open. The applicant may choose to notice additional persons (i.e. those across the street) but is **not** required to do so. Applications/petitions relating to alcoholic beverage and fortune teller licenses are further required to notice any schools, churches or hospitals within five hundred (500) feet of the proposed business location.*

1. Go the City of Cambridge's Assessing Department, 795 Massachusetts Avenue, and obtain a list of abutters as defined above. If your application/petition relates to a liquor or fortune teller license, you also need to ask for a list of schools, churches and hospitals within five hundred (500) feet of the proposed business's location.
2. Complete the *Affidavit of Notice to Abutters and Others* by listing the names and mailing addresses of the abutters in the spaces provided and/or attaching the list to the *Affidavit*.
3. When the legal notice is published in the Cambridge Chronicle, you must send a copy of the advertisement to each abutter by Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested. You must mail out these notices within three (3) days of the date the advertisement is published.
4. In addition to sending the copy of the advertisement to any church, school or hospital within five hundred (500) feet of the proposed business location, you must notify the church, school or hospital that if it objects to the application/petition, the church, school or hospital must submit a written objection to the Board by the date of the hearing. Receipt of an objection does not bar the Board from granting the application/petition if the Board deems the grant of the proposed application/petition serves the public need and will not be detrimental to the activities/functions of the church, school or hospital.
5. Bring the completed and notarized *Affidavit* to the hearing. You must attach to the *Affidavit* a copy of the advertisement, the original certified mail receipts, and the original return certified receipts (green cards) bearing signatures of persons receiving said notices and those which were returned as undeliverable mail. You must turn in the original receipts and green receipt cards to the Board during the hearing. The Board will not vote on, or may deny, your application/petition if these documents are not provided to it.

**AFFIDAVIT OF NOTICE TO ABUTTERS AND OTHERS**

To the License Commission for the City of Cambridge:

I, (print your name) \_\_\_\_\_, applicant/applicant's representative for a (print type of license requested) \_\_\_\_\_ license, to be operated at (print address of proposed location) \_\_\_\_\_ hereby certify that the following is a true list of the owners of the abutting property(ies) per the Assessor's most recent valuation list: \_\_\_\_\_

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

I also certify that the attached notice of the application/petition was given to each of the above-listed by (choose): mailing via first-class mail, emailing, hand-delivering, other (write form of service of notice) \_\_\_\_\_, on \_\_\_\_\_ (insert date sent/delivered), which is within three (3) days after publication of the advertisement of the application/petition. Proof of service is evidenced by the attached receipt, or certified mail receipts and return certified receipts bearing signatures of persons receiving said notices, in addition to those which were returned as undeliverable mail.

Signed and subscribed to under the pains and penalties of perjury this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ (month), \_\_\_\_\_ (year).

Sign Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relation to Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Notary Public: \_\_\_\_\_

(Notary Public Seal)

Name of Notary Public: \_\_\_\_\_

Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_