



APPLICATION FOR S49 HARDSHIP RELIEF

Section 49 of the Local Government Finance Act 1998 enables the billing authority to grant relief on a property where it is satisfied that the ratepayer would sustain hardship if the authority did not do so, but it must take the interests of the council taxpayers into account as they partly fund the relief.

Please complete the details below.

Ratepayer's Name, Address and Account Number

Please write here (and on additional sheets if required) a full report of the financial circumstances of your business, what steps you are taking to rectify the situation and the consequences on the council taxpayers of losing your business.

Ratepayers must provide the following information in support of the application:

- The last 2 years' audited accounts
- A letter from Bank Manager supporting claim
- A forecast of how the business may improve over the next 12 months
- A current list of debtors and creditors of the business
- Current number of employees
- Drawings being taken from the business

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Ratepayers are asked to provide a contact name and telephone number in case further information is required.

Name: _____ Tel No: _____

Signed: _____ Dated: _____

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