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June 28, 2023

# Our File No.: 309532

Andrea Holland
City Clerk
City of Hamilton
71 Main Street West
Hamilton, ON L8P 4Y5

E-mail: Andrea. Holland@hamilton.ca and clerk@hamilton.ca

Dear Ms. Holland:

Re: Appeals: Pursuant to subsections 22(7) & 34(11) of *Planning Act* 

Subject: Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment Applications

Appellant: Southcote Hills Inc.

Location: 509 Southcote Road, City of Hamilton (Ancaster)

File Nos.: UHOPA-23-010 & ZAC-23-025

#### **Introduction**

Aird & Berlis LLP is counsel to Southcote Hills Inc. (the "Applicant"). The Applicant is the owner of lands known municipally as 509 Southcote Road in the City of Hamilton (the "Site"). The Site is within the Meadowlands Neighbourhood III Secondary Plan Area in Ancaster – specifically, in the northeast quadrant of Garner Road and Southcote Road. The Site is 1.11 hectares (2.74 acres) and is occupied by one detached dwelling.

The Site is currently split-designated under the Urban Hamilton Official Plan. The western portion of the Site (fronting onto Southcote Road) is designated *Low Density Residential (Infill)* while the eastern portion of the Site is designated *Low Density Residential 2a*. The former designation permits single-detached dwellings with minimum 15 metre frontages while the latter designation permits singles and semi-detached dwellings with minimum 10.7 metre frontages and a density limit of 27 units per hectare. The zoning of the Site is currently "Agricultural 'A".

#### **Proposal**

Consultations between the Applicant and the City of Hamilton on an intensified development project for the Site began in September 2022 and included a Development Review Team Meeting in October 2022. The Applicant filed private official plan and zoning by-law amendment applications with the City on December 23, 2023 and these applications were deemed complete by the City as of January 20, 2023.

The Applicant's proposal consists of ten (10) 3-storey townhouse blocks containing a total of 57 dwelling units fronting onto a common private condominium roadway that will be accessed off of Southcote Road. The 57 proposed dwelling units include a combination of two-bedroom units and three-bedroom units. 114 resident parking spaces are proposed to be provided in attached

garages and driveways for the townhouse dwellings with an additional 23 visitor parking spaces provided by surface parking along the proposed common element condominium road.



To facilitate this proposal, the Applicant sought the following through its private applications:

- **OPA:** Amend Map b.2.5.-1 to the Meadowlands Neighbourhood III Secondary Plan to change the designation of the entire Site to *Low Density Residential 3b*. This change will permit the proposed housing form (Townhouse Dwellings) at the proposed density.
- **ZBA:** Amend Schedule "B" to Zoning By-law 87-57 (Ancaster) to change the zoning category of the Site from "Agricultural 'A" to a site-specific "Residential Multiple RM-2 \_\_\_\_\_" Permitted regulations within this site-specific zoning will include the following

Minimum Lot Area: 1.0 hectare

o Minimum Lot Coverage: 35%

Minimum Front Yard (from a private laneway): 4.0 metres

Minimum Side Yard: 4.0 metres

o Minimum Internal Setback to a Townhouse Dwelling: 2.0 metres

Minimum Rear Yard:
 Maximum Height:
 Minimum Planting Strip:
 1.25 metres

The ZBA also seeks site-specific relief from certain other standards in the parent zoning by-law, including the minimum requirements for parking.



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#### **Appeals**

It has been over 120 days since the Applicant's OPA and ZBA applications were deemed complete by the City. Hamilton City Council has to date failed to make a decision regarding the applications. Therefore, pursuant to subsections 22(7) and 34(11) of the *Planning Act*, we are writing on our client's behalf to appeal these OPA and ZBA applications to the Ontario Land Tribunal ("OLT" or "Tribunal").

Please accept this covering letter, the attached completed OLT appeal form (A1) and our firm cheques in the amount of \$1,100.00 (x2), representing the Tribunal's appeal fees, in satisfaction of the appeal requirements under both subsections 22(7) and 34(11) of the *Planning Act*.

#### **Position on Appeals**

It will be the Applicant's position on these appeals that its OPA and ZBA for the Site are consistent with the 2020 Provincial Policy Statement and conform with the 2020 Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe. Further, the OPA advances the goals and objectives of the Urban Hamilton Official Plan, including with respect to intensification within the Meadowlands Neighbourhood, while the ZBA appropriately implements and regulates the proposed development in a manner that constitutes good planning within the subject area context.

The Applicant is prepared to call members of its professional consulting team to give expert evidence before the Tribunal in support of its position, including evidence in the areas of land use planning, functional servicing, site engineering, landscape design, tree preservation/replanting, environmental impact, archaeology, acoustical impacts and urban design.

#### **Potential for Scoping of Issues or Resolution**

The Applicant would welcome the opportunity to continue discussions between its expert consulting team and staff/representatives for Hamilton, including through formal mediation if deemed appropriate. However, any discussions to resolve these appeals should not result in delaying the Tribunal's consideration of the OPA and ZBA. It will be the Applicant's intention to seek dates for a merit hearing as soon as the Tribunal can accommodate.

#### **Contact Information**

Our client's consulting planner is Matt Johnston, MCIP, RPP, Principal of Urban Solutions.

We trust that the above is satisfactory. However, should you have any questions or require additional information please contact the undersigned or my partner Patrick Harrington at <a href="mailto:pharrington@aridberlis.com">pharrington@aridberlis.com</a> or (416) 865-3424.



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Yours truly,

AIRD & BERLIS LLP

Patrick J. Harrington PJH/np

Encl.

c. Client

M. Johnston, Urban Solutions

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#### **Ontario Land Tribunal**

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# **Appeal Form (A1)**

Web Site: olt.gov.on.ca

Municipal/Approval Authority Date Stamp	

(OLT Office Use Only)
OLT Case Number (OLT Office Use Only)

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Date Stamp – Appeal Received by OLT

Please complete this Appeal Form by following the instructions in the companion document titled "Appeal Form Instructions". Please read **both** documents carefully to ensure you submit the correct information and complete this form correctly.

There are guides available for review on the Tribunal's <u>website</u> for different appeal types to assist you in filing an appeal.

Please review the notice of the decision you are appealing to determine the appeal deadline and the specific official with whom the appeal should be filed (e.g. Secretary-Treasurer, Clerk, Minister, Ontario Land Tribunal) prior to completing this Appeal Form. Relevant portions of the applicable legislation should also be reviewed before submitting this form. Your appeal must be filed with the appropriate authority within the appeal period as set out in the notice of the decision and applicable legislation.

#### Section 1 – Contact Information (Mandatory)

Applicant/Appellant/Obje	ctor/Claimant Infor	matio	n		
Last Name:			First Name:		
Company Name or Association):	ciation Name (Asso	ociatio	on must be ir	ncorporated – include copy of letter	of
Southcote Hills Inc.					
Email Address:					
Daytime Telephone Num	ber:			Alternative Telephone Number:	
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Mailing Address					
Unit Number:	Street Number:		Street Nam	e:	P.O. Box:

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Aird & Berlis LLP							
Email Address:					LSO Number (	if applical	ble):
pharrington@airdberlis	.com				510420		
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Location Information							
Are you the current owner	Are you the current owner of the subject property? $\ oxdots$ Yes $\ oxdots$ No						
Address and/or Legal De	scription of	property sub	ject to the a	ppeal:			
509 Southcote Road, Ha	amilton						

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Municipality:			
City of Hamilton			
Upper Tier (Example: county, district, region):			
Language Requirements			
Do you require services in French?	☐ Yes	$\boxtimes$	No
Language Requirements	☐ Yes	$\boxtimes$	No

To file an appeal, please complete the section below. Complete one line for each appeal type						
Subject of Appeal			Type of Appeal	Reference		
Subject of Appeal		ubject of Appear	(Act/Legislation Name)			
Exa	Example Minor Variance Planning Act		45(12)			
1	Official Plan Amendment		Planning Act	22(7)		
2	2 Zoning By-Law Amendment		Planning Act	34(11)		
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## Section 2 – Appeal Type (Mandatory)

Please s	elect the applicable type of matter	
Select	Legislation associated with your matter	Complete Only the Section(s) Below
$\boxtimes$	Appeal of <i>Planning Act</i> matters for Official Plans and amendments, Zoning By-Laws and amendments and Plans of Subdivision, Interim Control By-laws, Site Plans, Minor Variances, Consents and Severances	ЗА
	Appeal of Development Charges, Education Act, Aggregate Resources Act, Municipal Act matters	3A
	Appeal of or objection to <i>Ontario Heritage Act</i> matters under subsections 29, 30.1, 31, 32, 33, 40.1 and 41	3A
	Appeal of <i>Planning Act</i> (subsections 33(4), 33(10), 33(15), 36(3)), <i>Municipal Act</i> (subsection 223(4)), <i>City of Toronto Act</i> (subsection 129(4)) and <i>Ontario Heritage Act</i> (subsections 34.1(1), 42(6)) matters	3A & 3B
	Appeal of Clean Water Act, Environmental Protection Act, Nutrient Management Act, Ontario Water Resources Act, Pesticides Act, Resource	4A

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	Recovery and Circular Economy Act, Safe Drinking Water Act, Toxics Reduction Act, and Waste Diversion Transition Act matters	
	Application for Leave to Appeal under the Environmental Bill of Rights, 1993	4B
	Appeal under the Niagara Escarpment Planning and Development Act (NEPDA)	5A
	Application to amend the Niagara Escarpment Plan	5B
	Appeal of Conservation Authorities Act, Mining Act, Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act, Assessment Act, and Oil, Gas and Salt Resources Act matters	6
	Legislation not listed above	Contact OLT before filing your appeal
Section	3A – Planning Matters	
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Appeal F	Reasons and Specific Information	
Number	of new residential units proposed:	
57 new	dwelling units.	
Municipa	al Reference Number(s):	

Section 3A – Planning Matters
Appeal Reasons and Specific Information
Number of new residential units proposed:
57 new dwelling units.
Municipal Reference Number(s):
UHOPA-23-010 & ZAC-23-025
List the reasons for your appeal:
Please refer to the attached covering letter.
Has a public meeting been held by the municipality? ☐ Yes ☒ No
For appeals of Official Plans, Official Plan Amendments, Zoning By-laws and Zoning By-law Amendments,
please indicate if you will rely on one or more of the following grounds:
A: A decision of a Council or Approval Authority is:
☐ Inconsistent with the Provincial Policy Statement issued under subsection 3(1) of the <i>Planning Act</i>

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☐ Fails to conform with or conflicts with a provincial plan
☐ Fails to conform with an applicable Official Plan
And
B: For a non-decision or decision to refuse by council:
☐ Consistency with the provincial policy statement, issued under subsection 3(1) of the <i>Planning Act</i>
□ Conformity with a provincial plan
□ Conformity with the upper-tier municipality's Official Plan or an applicable Official Plan
If it is your intention to argue one or more of the above grounds, please explain your reasons:
Please refer to the attached covering letter.
Oral/Written submissions to council
Did you make your opinions regarding this matter known to council?
☐ Oral submissions at a public meeting of council
□ Written submissions to council
Not applicable     ■
Related Matters
Are there other appeals not yet filed with the Municipality?
□ Yes ⊠ No
Are there other matters related to this appeal? (For example: A consent application connected to a variance application).
□ Yes ⊠ No
If yes, please provide the Ontario Land Tribunal Case Number(s) and/or Municipal File Number(s) for the related matters:
related matters:
related matters:
related matters:  Section 3B – Other Planning Matters

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Date municipality deemed the application complete if known (yyyy/mm/dd):
2023/01/20
Please briefly explain the proposal and describe the lands under appeal:
Please refer to the attached covering letter.
There are required documents and materials to be submitted to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) based on the type of legislation and section you are filing under. Please see the <u>Section 3B Checklist(s)</u> located <u>here</u> and
submit all documents listed.
Section 4A – Appeals under Environmental Legislation
Appeal Specific Information
Outline the grounds for the appeal and the relief requested:
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Reference Number of the decision under appeal:
Portions of the decision in dispute:
Date of receipt of Decision or Director's Order (yyyy/mm/dd):
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Applying for Stay? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If Yes, outline the reasons for requesting a stay: (Tribunal's Guide to Stays can be viewed here)

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There are required documents and materials to be submitted to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) based on the
type of legislation and section you are filing under. Please see the <u>Section 4A Checklist(s)</u> located <u>here</u> and
submit all documents listed on the checklist.
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Section 4B – Environmental Application for Leave to Appeal
Are you filing an Application for Leave to Appeal under the <i>Environmental Bill of Rights</i> ,
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Identify the portions of the instrument you are seeking to appeal:
Identify the grounds you are relying on for leave to appeal. Your grounds should include reasons why there is
good reason to believe that no reasonable person, having regard to the relevant law and to any government
policies developed to guide decisions of that kind could have made the decision; and why the decision could
result in significant harm to the environment:
Outline the relief requested:
Outiline the relief requested.
There are required documents and materials to be submitted to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) based on the
type of legislation and section you are filing under. Please see the <u>Section 4B Checklist(s)</u> located <u>here</u> and
submit all documents listed on the checklist.
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Section 5A – Appeal regarding Development Permit Application under the *Niagara Escarpment Planning and Development Act* 

Appeal Specific Information								
Development Permit Application File No:								
Name of Applicant for De	velopment	Permit	:					
Reasons for Appeal: Outline the nature and reasons for your appeal. Specific planning, environmental and/or other reasons are required. (The Niagara Escarpment Plan is available on the Niagara Escarpment Commission's website (www.escarpment.org))								
Section 5B – Application	to amend th	ne <i>Nia</i> ç	gara E	scarp	ment F	Plan		
Owner								
Last Name:						First Name:		
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Lot:	Concession:	An	d/or	Lot:	Plan:			
Assessment Roll Nur	Lot Size:							
Property Servicing								
Existing Road Frontage:	□ Municipal □	☐ Private	Proposed Frontage:	Road	Municipal	□ Private		
Existing Water Supply:	□ Municipal □	☐ Private	Proposed Supply:	Water	Municipal	□ Private		
Existing Sewage Disposal:	☐ Municipal □	☐ Private	Proposed Disposal:	Sewage	Municipal	□ Private		
Is the Proposal the S	ubject of a Current App	olication? Pl	ease identif	y:				
☐ Development Pe	rmit under <i>Niagara Es</i>	carpment P	anning and	Development Act				
☐ The Planning Ac	t (Official Plan or Zonir	ng By-law Ar	mendment)					
☐ The Aggregate F	Resources Act (License	<del>)</del>						
☐ Committee of Ad	justment (Minor Varian	ice)						
☐ Land Division Co								
☐ Other:	,							
Description of the Property								
Describe the current	use of the property inc	luding any e	existing build	dings or structures	:			
Category of the Proposed Amendment								
☐ Change in Desig		☐ Change	e to Policy					
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☐ Request for Urba	an Servicing	☐ Change	= 10 FIAH DO	runuany				
☐ Other:								

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Detailed Description of Proposed Amendment				
Provide a detailed description of the proposed amendment:				
Justification and Rationale				
(Including Reasons, Argument and Evidence in Support of the Amendment)				
(See Niagara Escarpment Plan Amendment Guidelines)				
The justification submitted with the application should address the following:				
<ol> <li>Analysis of how the proposed amendment is consistent with the Niagara Escarpment Planning and Development Act, the Niagara Escarpment Plan, and shall be consistent with other relevant Provincial plans.</li> </ol>				
<ol> <li>A justification which includes the rationale for the amendment, as well as reasons, arguments or evidence in support of the change to the Plan proposed through the amendment.</li> </ol>				
The following studies and reports may be necessary to be submitted in support of justification of the proposed amendment (The applicability of the following will depend on the nature of the application):				
☐ Agricultural Land Use Impacts				
☐ Air Quality Impact Assessment				
☐ Engineering Reports				
☐ Environmental Impact Study				
☐ Geological Studies				
☐ Grading Plans – Existing and proposed and Slope Stabilization Plans and Typical Cross Sections				
☐ Historical/Cultural/Archeological Impact Assessment				
☐ Hydrogeological Impact Assessment				
☐ Landscape/Visual Impact Analysis				
☐ Noise Impact Assessment				
☐ Setback from the Brow of the Escarpment				
☐ Suitable for Septic Systems				
☐ Traffic Impact Assessment				

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☐ Tree Removal/Planting including Berming and Landscaping ☐ Other:
Site Plan  Please attach an accurate Site Plan drawn to scale. The Site Plan may be drawn on a blank sheet; on an attached Survey, or by using mapping software (Ontario Make a Map etc.). The Site Plan must show existing features, such as, buildings and structures, streams, changes in grades, rock outcrops, driveways, forested areas and proposed uses to changes to the property or the features.
<b>NOTE:</b> For amendments regarding Mineral Resource Extraction Areas, please provide copies of the Site Plan as required by Regulation under the <i>Aggregates Resources Act</i> .
Section 6 – Mining Claim and Conservation Matters
Appeal Specific Information
List the subject Mining Claim Number(s) (for unpatented mining claims) and accompanying Townships, Areas and Mining Division(s) where mining claims are situated. List all "Filed Only" Mining Claims, if appropriate: (This is to be completed for <i>Mining Act</i> appeals only.)
List the Parcel and the Property Identifier Numbers (PIN), if rents or taxes apply to mining lands, if appropriate (mining claims only):
Provide the date of the Decision of the Conservation Authority or the Provincial Mining Recorder, as appropriate:
Provide a brief outline of the reasons for your application/appeal/review. If other lands/owners are affected, please include that information in the outline being provided below:
Respondent Information
Conservation Authority:

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Contact Person:							
Email Address:							
Daytime Telephone Number:  Alternative Telephone Number:							
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Mailing Address or stater newspaper if address is		n addr	ess/general a	rea th	ey were living and n	ame of lo	ocal
Unit Number:	Street Number:		Street Name	e:			P.O. Box:
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There are required documents and materials to be submitted to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) based on the type of legislation and section you are filing under. Please see the <u>Section 6 Checklist(s)</u> located <u>here</u> and submit all documents listed on the checklist.							
Section 7 – Filing Fee							
Required Fee							
Please see the attached	link to view the C	DLT Fee	e Chart.				
Total Fee Submitted: \$2200							
Payment Method   C	Certified Cheque	tified Cheque     Me		$\boxtimes$	Lawyer's general o	r trust ac	count cheque
	Credit Card						
If you wish to pay the appeal fee(s) by credit card, please check the box above and OLT staff will contact you by telephone to complete the payment process upon receipt of the appeal form.							
If a request for a fee reduction is being requested, please pay the minimum filing fee for each appeal and complete/submit the Fee Reduction request form.							
☐ Request for Fee Reduction form is attached (if applicable – see Appeal Form Guide for more information)							

## Section 8 – Declaration (Mandatory)

Declaration

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I solemnly declare that all the statements and the information provided, as well as any supporting documents, are true, correct and complete.

By signing this appeal form below, I consent to the collection of my personal information.

Name of Appellant/Representative	Signature of Appellant/Representative	Date (yyyy/mm/dd)
Patrick J. Harrington	Patrule Harrington	2023/06/28

Personal information or documentation requested on this form is collected under the authority of the *Ontario Land Tribunal Act* and the legislation under which the proceeding is commenced. All information collected is included in the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) case file and the public record in this proceeding. In accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and section 9 of the *Statutory Powers Procedure Act*, all information collected is available to the public subject to limited exceptions.

We are committed to providing services as set out in the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005*. If you have any accessibility needs, please contact our Accessibility Coordinator at OLT.Coordinator@ontario.ca or toll free at 1-866-448-2248 as soon as possible.

#### Section 9 – Filing Checklists (Mandatory)

#### Filing/Submitting your form and documentation

You must file your Appeal Form with the appropriate authority(s) by the filing deadline.

If the completed Section is:	Refer to the relevant checklist and submit all documents listed on the checklist when filing your Appeal Form.
Section 3B	Review the Section 3B Checklist(s) and attach all listed documents.
Section 4A	Review the Section 4A Checklist(s) and attach all listed documents.
Section 4B	Review the Section 4B Checklist(s) and attach all listed documents.

If the completed Section is:	You must file with the following:
	Municipality or the Approval Authority/School Board
Section 3A	*If you are filing under the Ontario Heritage Act, including under s. 34.1(1),
	please carefully review the specific section of that legislation to determine if your appeal needs to be filed with the Tribunal <u>in addition</u> to the Municipality or Approval Authority.
Section 3A & 3B or	Ontario Land Tribunal

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Section 4A or	655 Bay Street, Suite 1500	Phone: 416-212-6349   1-866-448-2248			
Section 4B or	Toronto, ON M5G 1E5	Website: www.olt.gov.on.ca			
Section 6					
	For the Areas of:				
	Dufferin County (Mono)	For the Areas of:			
	Region of Halton	Bruce County			
	Region of Peel	Grey County			
	Region of Niagara	Simcoe County			
	City of Hamilton	Dufferin County (Mulmur, Melancthon)			
	File with:	File with:			
Section 5A or 5B	NIAGARA ESCARPMENT COMMISSION	NIAGARA ESCARPMENT COMMISSION			
	232 Guelph Street, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor	1450 7 <sup>th</sup> Avenue			
	Georgetown, ON L7G 4B1	Owen Sound, ON N4K 2Z1			
	Phone: 905-877-5191	Phone: 519-371-1001			
	Fax: 905-873-7452	Fax: 519-371-1009			
	Website: www.escarpment.org	Website: www.escarpment.org			
	Email: necgeorgetown@ontario.ca	Email: necowensound@ontario.ca			

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**NOTE:** Relevant portions of the applicable legislation should be reviewed before submitting this form. Please ensure that a copy of this Appeal Form is served in accordance with the requirements of the applicable legislation.

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