# CLAIM FOR AN EXCESSIVE ASSESSMENT PURSUANT TO WIS. STAT. § 74.37

In accordance with Wis. Stat. §§ 74.37(2)(b)(5) and 801.11(4), this claim is served on the Clerk of the City of Madison:

TO:

CITY OF MADISON

c/o City Clerk

210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.

Room 103

Madison, WI 53703

with a copy to:

CITY OF MADISON ASSESSOR 210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. Room 101 Madison, WI 53703

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MADISON WHITNEY ZC ESSENTIAL DST and HY-VEE, INC., by their attorneys, Stroud, Willink & Howard, LLC, hereby submit the following claim for an excessive assessment to the City of Madison:

#### PARTIES INVOLVED

- The City of Madison (hereinafter the "City") is a taxation district located in Dane County with its municipal offices located at 210 and 215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. in Madison, Wisconsin.
- 2. The City of Madison Clerk (the "Clerk") is located at 210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd, Room 103 in Madison, Wisconsin.
- 3. The City of Madison Assessor (the "Assessor") is located at 210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd, Room 101 in Madison, Wisconsin.
- 4. Claimant HY-VEE, INC. ("Hy-Vee") is a foreign business corporation with its principal office located at 5820 Westown Parkway, West Des Moines, IA 50266.



- 5. Claimant MADISON WHITNEY ZC ESSENTIAL DST ("Whitney ZC") is a Delaware statutory trust with its principal office located at 2901 Butterfield Rd., Oak Brook, IL 60523.
- 6. Whitney ZC owns real estate identified as 675 S. Whitney Way, Madison, WI 53711, Parcel No. 251/0709-304-0403-6 (the "Property").
- 7. Whitney ZC leases the Property to Hy-Vee, pursuant to a lease agreement dated October 28, 2022 (the "Lease"), and Hy-Vee operates a grocery store in the Property. Whitney ZC and Hy-Vee shall be collectively referred to herein as the "Claimant."
- 8. Pursuant to the Lease, Hy-Vee pays all real estate taxes for the Property.
- 9. J.W. Chatham and Associates (the "Agent") is the authorized agent of Claimant pursuant to the Agent Authorization for Property Assessment Appeals attached hereto as <a href="Exhibit A">Exhibit A</a>.

## CIRCUMSTANCES GIVING RISE TO THE CLAIM AND INJURY

- 10. Claimant hereby incorporates by reference Paragraphs 1-9 above.
- 11. Sometime in 2023, the City increased the real estate tax assessment of the Property to \$18,010,000.
- 12. Based on comparable market data, the fair market value of the Property as of January 1, 2023, was no higher than \$7,037,900.
- 13. On May 3, 2023, Claimant, by its Agent, filed an appeal of the assessment of the Property and submitted its Objection to Real Property Assessment for the Property (the "Objection"). A true and correct copy of the Objection is attached hereto as **Exhibit B**.
- 14. On August 9, 2023, the Assessor notified Claimant that the Board of Assessors reviewed but did not change the assessment for the Property.
- 15. On August 14, 2023, Claimant requested a Board of Review ("BOR") hearing on the assessment of the Property.
- 16. A BOR hearing was held on October 17, 2023.
- 17. On October 17, 2023, the BOR issued the Notice of Board of Review Determination for the Property. The BOR determined the 2023 Final Assessment for the Property was

- \$18,010,000. Attached hereto as <u>Exhibit C</u> is a true and correct copy of the Determination for the Property.
- 18. The 2023 taxes for the Property are \$329,195.12, and the total taxes owed less credits are \$329,106.97.
- 19. On January 23, 2024, Claimant made the first of the four installment tax payments in the amount of \$82,276.69.
- 20. Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 74.37(2), Claimant hereby files a written claim for an excessive assessment against the City.
- 21. Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 74.37(3)(b), the City must notify Claimant via certified mail whether this claim is allowed or disallowed within 90 days after the claim is filed with the Clerk.
- 22. Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 74.37(3)(d), if the City disallows the claim, Claimant may commence an action in circuit court to contest the excessive assessment.

#### **CLAIMS AND INJURY**

- 23. Claimant hereby incorporates by reference Paragraphs 1-22 above.
- 24. The value of the Property as of January 1, 2023, was no higher than \$7,037,900.
- 25. The 2023 assessment of the Property exceeded the fair market value of the Property by \$10,972,100.
- 26. As a result, the 2023 real estate tax imposed on the Property in the amount of \$329,195.12 was excessive.
- 27. Claimant is entitled to a refund of the 2023 real estate tax on the Property in the estimated total amount of \$200,553.13, plus statutory interest.

Dated this 31st day of January, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

J.W. Chatam & Associates, as the agent of MADISON WHITNEY ZC ESSENTIAL DST and HY-VEE, INC.

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Drafted by:

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# **Agent Authorization**

**Grocery Store** 

for Property Assessment Appeals

If an agent is representing the property owner or municipality, the property owner or municipality must provide prior whiten authorization for the agent to represent the company or municipality when contacting the reviewing authority.

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# **Objection to Real Property Assessment**

To file an appeal on your property assessment, you must provide the Board of Review (BOR) clerk written or oral notice of your intent, under state law (sec. 70.47(7)(a), Wis. Stats.). You must also complete this entire form and submit it to your municipal clerk. To review the best evidence of property value, see the Wisconsin Department Revenue's *Property Assessment Appeal Guide for Wisconsin Real Property Owners*, Complete all sections:

Section 1: Property Owner / Age	nt Infor	mation	# if agent, submit wri	tten authorization	(Form P	A-105) with this form	
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Owner malling address 5820 WESTOWN PKWY		J.W. Chatam & Associates, Inc.  Agent mailing address 14360 W. 96th Terrace					
City WEST DES MOINES	State	<sup>Zlp</sup> 50266	City Tayoru S		State ICS	<sup>Zip</sup> 66215	
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# Notice of Board of Review Determination

Under state law (sec. 70.47(12), Wis. Stats.), your property assessment for the current year 20<u>.23</u> as finalized by the Board of Review (BOR) is listed below.

Property Owner	General Information
MADISON WHITNEY ZC ESSENTIAL DST C/O HY-VEE 5820 WESTOWN PKWY WEST DES MOINES IA 50266	Date issued 10-17-2023 Parcel no. 0709-304-0403-6 Address 675 S WHITNEY WAY Legal description
	☐ Town ☐ Village ☐ City
	Municipality MADISON

Assessment Information							
20 <u>23</u> Original Assessment			20 23 Final Assessment (determined by BOR)				
Land	\$	2,290,000	Land	\$	2,290,000		
Improvements	\$	15,720,000	Improvements	\$	15,720,000		
Personal property	\$		Personal property	\$			
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Total personal property	\$	0	Total personal property	\$	0		
Total all property	\$	18,010,000	Total all property	\$	18,010,000		

## **Appeal Information**

If you are not satisfied with the BOR's decision, there are appeal options available. Note: Each appeal option has filing requirements. For more information on the appeal process, review the <u>Guide for Property Owners</u>.

### Appeal to:

**Department of Revenue (DOR)** – must file within 20 days after receipt of the BOR's determination notice or within 30 days after the date specified on the affidavit if there is no return receipt. A \$100 filing fee is required. It is not available for properties with an assessed value over \$1 million or properties located in first-class cities (Milwaukee). DOR may revalue the property any time before November 1 of the assessment year or within 60 days after receiving the appeal, whichever is later. If adjusted, the value is substituted for the original value and taxes paid accordingly. (sec. 70.85, Wis. Stats.)

Circuit Court - Action for Certiorari – must file within 90 days after receiving the determination notice. The Court decides based on the written record from the BOR. You cannot submit new evidence. (sec. 70.47(13), Wis. Stats.)

Municipality - Excessive Assessment – must first appeal to the BOR and have not appealed the BOR's decision to Circuit Court or to DOR. You cannot claim an excessive assessment under sec. 74.37, Wis. Stats., unless the tax is timely paid. A claim under section 74.37 must be filed with the municipality by January 31 of the year the tax is payable.