



TOWN of SOMERS
600 MAIN STREET, SOMERS, CONNECTICUT 06071

Dear SomersProperty Owner:

Recently, some property owners have become aware of defective concrete used in poured foundations in Eastern Connecticut. The full extent of the problem and the number of properties impacted is not yet known. Analysis in eastern Connecticut appears to show that the presence of a mineral, iron pyrrhotite appears to be the main cause of the problem, though there are other possible causes. These defects result in the concrete expanding, and eventually crumbling. The concrete may not show visible signs of these defects for as long as fifteen to twenty-five years after it was poured. To date, some foundations poured between 1983 and 2016 have been shown to have defective concrete, and defective concrete has been reported in roughly forty municipalities in eastern Connecticut, and in Massachusetts.

Somers is one of the towns in which defective foundations are known to exist, although the State of Connecticut does not yet know the full extent of the problem in Somers; we have also received some engineering reports from Somers homeowners confirming defective concrete conditions.

The State of Connecticut recently passed Substitute House Bill No. 5180 "AN ACT CONCERNING CONCRETE FOUNDATIONS." Section 2 of this legislation states: *Any owner of a residential building who has obtained a written evaluation from a professional engineer licensed pursuant to chapter 391 of the general statutes indicating that the foundation of such residential building was made with defective concrete may provide a copy of such evaluation to the assessor and request a reassessment of the residential building by the assessor.* This legislation is effective October 1, 2016, and was amended in 2021. There are additional provisions in the legislation, and the full legislation can be found online at: https://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?selBillType=Public+Act&which_year=2021&bill_num=120

If you believe your property suffers from a crumbling foundation, the Town of Somers recommends that you consult with a professional, licensed engineer as required by the new legislation, and obtain the necessary report. We also recommend that you consult with the State of Connecticut, Department of Consumer Protection, which can be reached at www.ct.gov/dcp or 860-713-6100.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please feel free to contact the Town of Somers Assessors Office by phone at 860-763-8202/8208 or by e-mail at kneal@somersct.gov/pthomas@somersct.gov or by visiting our office in person at Town Hall, 600 Main Street, Monday – Wednesday from 8:00AM–5:00PM, Thursday 8:00AM-6:30PM.

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Assessor

TOWN OF SOMERS, ASSESSORS OFFICE
APPLICATION FOR ASSESSMENT ADJUSTMENT DUE TO DEFECTIVE CONCRETE
FOUNDATION

The Town of Somers Assessors Office is not able to identify for certain which properties in Somers have crumbling foundations. We need the help of the owners of those properties to identify them. Once we identify them, obtain a copy of the engineer's evaluation, and inspect the impacted properties, we will be able to provide an assessment reduction to the impacted property owners beginning with the October 1, 2016 Grand List (tax list).

If you have reason to believe your foundation may be affected, the Town of Somers has developed this brief application for our residents. We recommend that you review, complete and return this application, along with a copy of the required engineer's evaluation report to the Town of Somers Assessors Office. We require that you return this information to the town no later than **December 1, 2026** in order to process the application for the 2026 Grand List. If confirmed this reduction will impact the July 2027 tax bill.

Location of property with Defective Concrete: _____

Property Owner: _____

Property Owner's Mailing Address: _____

Property Owner's Daytime Phone#: _____

Property Owner's E-mail Address: _____

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You must submit the required evaluation report performed by a professional engineer licensed pursuant to Chapter 391 of the general statutes being submitted with this form.

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that the information contained on this application is true according to the best of my knowledge, belief, and understanding.

Owner's Signature: _____ Date: _____