Lot Apportionments and Mergers Process: A STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE

1. Complete an Application for Apportionments or Mergers

Complete a Form RP-602, which is available at www.nyc.gov/apportionments. Once you have completed the form, you will need to submit it to the Department of Finance in person, along with accompanying documents. The form must be signed, sealed, and dated by the architect or professional engineer. When completing the form, please ensure that:

a. The property owner’s name matches the name on the deed(s)

b. The dimensions on the diagram depict the proposed conditions and agree with the dimensions on the tax map

c. The street and cross streets are labeled clearly in the diagram; be sure to include the distance to the nearest cross street

2. Pay all outstanding debts and taxes

Before you visit the Department of Finance, you must determine the following:

- Are there any outstanding Environmental Control Board (ECB) judgment debts related to the property? You can find out by visiting www.nyc.gov/citypay and selecting option six, “Violations Adjudicated by the Office of Administrative Trials and Hearings (OATH) (formerly ECB).” You can search by the owner’s name and address.

- Are all outstanding taxes paid? You can find out by logging on to www.nyc.gov/nycproperty and viewing the “Account Balance” and “Account History” screens.

If there are ECB summonses or outstanding taxes related to the property, we will not be able to issue you a tentative tax lot number, which you will need before you can get a permanent tax lot number.

3. Obtain a tentative tax lot number from the Department of Finance

Bring the RP-602 form in person to the Department of Finance’s Tax Map Office at 66 John Street, 2nd Floor, New York, NY 10038. We will review the application, check to ensure that there are no outstanding taxes or ECB debts, and, if everything is in order, write you an invoice for the lot fees ($73 per lot).

We will give you a receipt for your apportionment fee, assign your tentative lot numbers, and sign your form.

4. Obtain approval from the Department of Buildings

For apportionments only: Once you receive tentative lot numbers, you will need to file your RP602 with the Department of Buildings, and possibly other agencies, before the Department of Finance can grant your final tax lots and add them to the tax map. The Department of Finance does not require customers to provide proof of filing with the Department of Buildings for merger applications.

To file the appropriate Department of Buildings form, and for more information and instructions, visit the New York City Department of Buildings at www.nyc.gov/dob.

5. Obtain approval from the Department of Buildings

When you have all required documents, you must submit them in person to the Department of Finance’s Tax Map Office for final approval. As noted in step 2, there can’t be any outstanding taxes or ECB
judgments against the properties.

For both mergers and apportionments, you will need to submit:
- The completed RP-602 form, signed by the Tax Map Office
- A receipt for the tax lot fees
- The latest deed on record for each lot

For apportionments only, you will also need to submit:
- The approved subdivision-improved (SI) application from the Department of Buildings
- Two 11” x 17” surveys bearing inked/embossed surveyor seals with the following information. (The surveys must be less than one year old, and the vacant lots must be marked as “vacant.”)
  - Lot lines and metes and bounds for the requested subdivision of lots
  - House numbers for each lot
  - Tentative lot numbers for each lot
  - Area square footage for each lot

6 Approval or rejection

The Tax Map Office will process applications in the order they are received. Generally, after 30 days, you will receive a notification that your application has been approved or rejected.

The most common reasons applications are rejected at this stage are outstanding property taxes, discrepancies between the Department of Building filings and the RP-602 filed with the Department of Finance, and surveys that are outdated or incomplete.

Please note that if any of the information on your RP-602 has changed before you receive your final tax lot numbers, you must complete a new RP-602 and bring both forms to the Department of Finance.

Once approved, your tentative tax lot number will become final, the tax map will be changed, and you can file documents for new lots in ACRIS and purchase a certified tax map.