

# UNDERSTANDING EMINENT DOMAIN DO'S & DON'TS



## 1. GET AN ACCURATE PROPERTY VALUATION

Government appraisals often undervalue property. Hire a professional to determine the true fair market value, including losses to any property you keep.

## 2. KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

Familiarize yourself with your rights as a property owner. Understanding what the law allows can strengthen your position in negotiations.

## 3. REVIEW BEFORE AGREEING

Don't agree to anything too quickly. Give yourself the chance to review, negotiate, and seek professional advice before making any big decisions.

## 4. CONSIDER GETTING AN ATTORNEY.

With strict rules and short timelines, having a lawyer ensures nothing is missed and you're treated fairly.

## 1. MISSING DEADLINES

Missing a response deadline can forfeit your ability to contest the taking of your property or the amount of compensation offered.

## 2. SHARING CASE DETAILS

Do Not post about your case or property dispute online or on social media.

## 3. NEW CONSTRUCTION OR RENOVATIONS

Don't renovate or build new structures once you get notice. Those changes usually won't be included in your offer.

## 4. ASSUMING YOU'RE POWERLESS

Just because your property is being taken does not mean you are out of options. Before signing anything, seek professional input and maintain a detailed paper trail throughout the process.

