## ASSESSMENT REVIEWS

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Each year, owners are mailed a notice stating the assessed value of their property. If property is reassessed for the completion of new construction, or a change in ownership, a Notice of Supplemental Assessment and/or a revision notice is mailed to property owners.

If you, as the property owner, disagree with the assessed value of your property and wish to pursue a change in the value, or change of ownership, you may request an assessment review.

There is no charge for filing an Assessment Review Request.

## Property owner's responsibility

Upon receiving a notice regarding the amount of an assessment, please review it carefully. If there appears to be an error, or you disagree with the value, you should contact the Assessor's staff immediately to discuss the assessment. You should not delay, as there are deadlines for requesting a review. (Refer to the information on "Filing Periods".)

Assessment Review Request forms are available at the Assessor's Office or on our website. When submitting a request, it is helpful if you submit supporting documentation such as: sales of similar property, condition of the property, income and expense data (if this is an income producing property), appraisal reports, etc.

During the review process, staff may ask you for additional information. The filing of a review does not change the deadline for property tax payments.

## **Assessor's responsibility**

Staff will verify whether your assessment was processed properly. They will review the data originally used to assess the property and the documentation you provide with your review request. Only facts pertinent to the property will be considered. A complete inspection of the property may be requested.

If there is sufficient evidence to support adjusting the assessed value (increase or decrease), the Assessor's staff will initiate the change. If no revision is warranted, the value will remain unchanged. You will be notified of the results in either case.

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## **Filing periods**

Each tax year begins on July 1<sup>st</sup> and ends the following June 30<sup>th</sup>. The value for the current tax year will be examined when an Assessment Review Request is received by the Assessor's Office between July 1<sup>st</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup>. An Assessment Review Request received between December 31<sup>st</sup> and June 30<sup>th</sup> may be examined for the next tax year.

Assessment Review Requests for supplemental assessments must be received within 60 days of the mailing of the Notice of Supplemental Assessment or revision notice.

#### Length of time to complete the process

We try to complete all reviews within 45 to 90 days. However, it may take longer if there are unusual circumstances or we need additional information.

## **Protecting your right to an Assessment Appeal**

Filing an Assessment Review Request does not extend the filing period for an assessment appeal.

- You may file for an assessment appeal if a review of your property is not resolved to your satisfaction; however, you must file the assessment appeal before the filing deadline.
- To protect your appeal rights you may file an assessment appeal even if you have filed an assessment review.
- The Assessor does not have the authority to extend assessment appeal filing deadlines.

Assessment Review Request and Appeal filing dates		
Type of Filing	Taxable Year Applicable	Filing Date Applicable
Request for Assessment Review on an Annual Notice of Assessment	Current Tax Year	July 1 <sup>st</sup> – Dec 31 <sup>st</sup>
	Next Tax Year	July 1 <sup>st</sup> – June 30 <sup>th</sup>
Assessment Appeal	Current Tax year	July 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Sept 15 <sup>th</sup>
Assessment Review or Appeal on Supplemental Assessments or Roll Revisions	Current or Prior Tax Year(s)	60 days from the mailing date on the Notice of Supplemental Assessment or Revision Notice

**Please note:** The filing of a review does not change the deadline for property tax payments.

- December 10<sup>th</sup>: Last day to pay first installment of secured property taxes without incurring penalties
- April 10<sup>th</sup>: Last day to pay second installment of secured property taxes without incurring penalties
- Other deadlines may apply for supplemental and escaped assessments, which will be stated on the tax bills.

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