

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Once a timely and properly completed Taxpayer Petition is submitted, it will be given a petition number, entered into the computer and the duplicate copy given to the Assessor's office.

This Board does not acknowledge receipt of Taxpayer Petitions. However, you will be notified when a petition is denied, untimely, or incomplete.

Although the majority of petitions must be filed by July 1st of the assessment year, hearings for these petitions will not begin until late September or early October of the same year.

The number of petitions filed will determine the number of months the Board will be in session to hold hearings on petitions. This can range anywhere from five to nine months or even longer.

The Assessor's office will respond to each appeal, in writing. A copy of that response will be mailed to the petitioner prior to a hearing. In the majority of cases, this Board will not schedule a hearing until the response is received in this office.

If you have not had a hearing prior to paying your taxes in the taxing year, you must pay them on time or you can accrue interest and penalty fees. There are no guarantees that there will be an adjustment by the Board. If you do receive an adjustment from the Board and you have paid the first half of the taxes, the Assessor/Treasurer will make a correction for the payment of the second half due in October. You may contact the Assessor/Treasurer's office for clarification if and when this becomes your situation.

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