

DETROIT BOARD OF REVIEW

The Board of Review hears and determines appeals along with certain other matters concerning real and personal property assessments and/or classifications. The Board of Review is one of the only opportunities in which a taxpayer may appeal before taxation on their real and/or personal property. The Board of Review has three (3) periods during the year in which its work must be complete based upon statutory mandates; they are the March Board of Review, July Board of Review and December Board of Review.

The Board of Review shall represent a cross-section of the community and shall be composed of nine (9) residents of the city (one from each of the seven council districts and two at-large) who shall be appointed by a majority of the City Council members serving on the basis of their knowledge of and familiarity with real estate property values, assessment practices and taxation. As far as possible, different professions and occupations shall be represented on the Board. The Board members shall not be members of any other city agency, board, department, commission or other division of municipal government.

Valuation appeals are generally heard during the month of March only after an appeal is made to the Assessor's Office between the 1st and 15th of February. The Board of Review shall appoint special subcommittees to review and submit recommendations to the full Board of Review on appeals requesting tax exemptions on the basis of poverty under MCL211.7u and/or disabled veterans exemption under P.A. 161.

MCL211.7u: *The principal residence of persons who, in the judgment of theBoard of Review, by reason of poverty, are unable to contribute to the public charges is eligible for exemption in whole or in part from taxation under this act.*

P.A. 161: *Real property used and owned as a homestead by a disabled veteran who was discharged from the armed forces of the United States under honorable conditions or by an individual described in subsection (2) is exempt from the collection of taxes under this act.*

If you are appealing your property tax value during the March Board of Review, it is important that you provide as much accurate information about your property as possible including photographs, estimates for repairs, sales studies, comparisons and/or any other information that you may need to present relative to the change in assessment you are requesting. Information about your neighborhood and the surrounding areas may be considered but your focus should be your primary property first.

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