

NOTICE OF OPEN BOOK AND BOARD OF REVIEW CITY OF FITCHBURG

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Review for the City of Fitchburg will be held on **Wednesday, July 29, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. at which time the Board will Adjourn to a date certain.** Notice is also hereby given that the Board of Review for the City of Fitchburg will be held on **Wednesday, August 26, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in the Meeting Room of the Fitchburg City Hall, 5520 Lacy Road, Fitchburg, WI.** Sworn statements from property owners will be taken at the August 26th meeting, relative to their Official Objections to the 2015 Assessed Value filed with the City Clerk's Office.

Pursuant to Sec. 70.45 of Wis. Statutes, the Assessment Roll will be open for examination during weekday business hours starting Monday, July 27, 2015 through Friday, July 31, 2015 from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Property owners who have questions regarding their assessments can make Open Book appointments with the Assessor's office staff at the City Hall by calling 270-4235. Instructional material will be available at that time for information on how to file an Official Objection to the assessment and the Board of Review procedures under Wisconsin law.

Please be advised of the following requirements:

No person shall be allowed to appear before the board of review, to testify to the board by telephone or to contest the amount of any assessment of real or personal property if the person has refused a reasonable written request by certified mail of the assessor to view such property.

After the first meeting of the board of review and before the board's final adjournment, no person who is scheduled to appear before the board of review may contact, or provide information to, a member of the board about that person's objection except at a session of the board.

No person may appear before the board of review, testify to the board by telephone, or contest the amount of any assessment unless, at least 48 hours before the first meeting of the board or at least 48 hours before the objection is heard if the objection is allowed because the person has been granted a waiver of the 48-hour notice of an intent to file a written objection by appearing before the board during the first two (2) hours of the meeting and showing good cause for failure to meet the 48-hour notice requirement and files a written objection, that person provides to the clerk of the board of review notice as to whether the person will ask for removal of any board members and, if so, which member will be removed and the person's reasonable estimate of the length of time that the hearing will take.

When appearing before the board, the person shall specify, in writing, the person's estimate of the value of the land and of the improvements that are the subject of the person's objection and specify the information that the person used to arrive at that estimate.

No person may appear before the board of review, testify to the board by telephone or object to a valuation; if that valuation was made by the assessor or the objector using the income method; unless the person supplies to the assessor all of the information about income and expenses, as specified in the manual under Section 73.03(2a), that the assessor requests. The City of Fitchburg has an ordinance for the confidentiality of information about income and expenses that is provided to the assessor under this paragraph and shall provide exceptions for persons using the information in the discharge of duties imposed by law or of the duties of their office or by order of a court. The information that is provided under this paragraph, unless a court determines that it is inaccurate, is not subject to the right of inspection and copying under Wis. Stats.19.35(1).

The board shall hear upon oath, by telephone, all ill or disabled persons who present to the board a letter from a physician, surgeon, or osteopath that confirms their illness or disability. No other persons may testify by telephone.

Anyone wishing to file an objection MUST contact the City Clerk to complete and submit the required objection form supplied by the city, prior to appearing before the board of review. Objections will be scheduled to be heard by the board in the order in which they are received by the City Clerk.

Patti Anderson, City Clerk
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