

Lake County Board of Review Implements New Preliminary Review Process

Over the last several years, due to the historic changes in the housing market, the Lake County Board of Review - the panel responsible for reviewing and making determinations on property assessment appeals - has seen a drastic increase in the volume of appeals from taxpayers. Recent appeal filings from three townships show an increase of 100%.

To more efficiently manage this high volume of appeals, expedite the process, and produce faster results for taxpayers, the Board of Review (BOR) will issue preliminary decisions. In this process the BOR will evaluate case evidence submitted from the appellant or their representative, and information from the township assessor. In those cases where the evidence supports a clear determination, the BOR member will make a preliminary decision and Board staff will present it to the appellant via e-mail or telephone. The appellant can then choose to accept it or decide to pursue a formal hearing.

The Board of Review wants to make appellants and their representatives aware that Board staff may contact you with a preliminary finding in a case via e-mail or telephone. The Board asks that you please respond to this communication timely. The Board staff will send an e-mail confirmation to an appellant or their representative once a case is resolved via this process.

If you have questions on this process please call the Board of Review office at 847-377-2100.