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City Holds Real Estate Assessment Hearings

Harrisonburg, Va. – The city of Harrisonburg’s Real Estate Equalization Board will meet next week for the purpose of equalizing real estate assessments.

An appeal can be filed with the board if property owners believe their assessment is not equitable in comparison with similar properties or if they believe their assessment exceeds fair market value.

The following dates have been assigned for hearing complaints:

- March 22 from 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- March 23 from 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- March 24 from 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

City property owners who feel the assessment given to their property lacks uniformity, contains errors, or is more than fair market value can appeal their case during a hearing.

The assessed value of properties may change for a variety of reasons. Among these are appreciation and value declines (i.e., equalization changes); and, structural changes (additions, remodeling), rezoning, and land divisions (i.e., growth). A combination of these factors can apply to the same property.

To begin the appeal process, property owners must fill out an application for real estate assessment review and return it to the city’s Real Estate office, which is located on the first floor of City Hall, 409 S. Main St. An appointment will then be scheduled for the property owner to attend one of the three hearing dates.

Applications and additional information can be found at www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/board-of-equalization-appeal.

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