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## **RIVER FOREST TOWNSHIP IS OPEN FOR PROPERTY TAX APPEALS! 2021 Cook County Board of Review Appeal Deadline is Tuesday January 4, 2022**

**The River Forest Township Assessor's Office is here to help residential Taxpayers with their assessed valuation appeals. We are here to....**

- help property owners determine the best reason to file an appeal
- provide comparable properties to support a case of lack of uniformity
- make sure supporting evidence and documentation is complete

### **Reasons for Appeal**

- **Lack of uniformity**: Your property is assessed higher than other properties in your neighborhood of similar size, style and construction.
- **Market Value**: The Assessor's stated market value is higher than the property's actual market value if the property was purchased after January 1, 2018.
- **Error in description of property**: Such as incorrect square feet of living space.
- **Uninhabitable**: Your property was uninhabitable for all or part of the year due to fire, flood or interior demolition.

**Due to COVID we must continue to limit our number of in person appointments. Fortunately, the online appeal process is quick and easy to complete from the comfort from your home or office. Please make an appointment before walking in.**

## Online Appeal Process

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The Cook County Board of Review's Office encourages property owners who have a computer and internet access to file an online appeal from the comfort of their homes. We are happy to provide online instructions for this process, as well as assistance with supporting documentation.

If you think your residential property is over assessed and would like the River Forest Township Assessor's Office to send comparable properties along with online filing directions, **then click the link below.**

If you *purchased your home after January 1, 2018* and your Current Assessed Value is greater than 10% of your purchase price then you should also **send us an email by clicking on the link below to request filing directions for a recent purchase.**

**Please remember to provide us with your name, address, and phone number in your email request.**

***Property owners must file their appeals with the Cook County Board of Review by 5:00 pm on Tuesday January 4, 2022.***

[Email Township Assessor for Comparables & Directions](#)

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## Schedule a Phone or in Person Appointment

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Residents who do not have a computer or are unable to file on their own are encouraged to **CALL** our office for an appointment.

**Call the Township Assessor's office at 708-366-2787.**

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **How Often can I appeal my property tax assessment?**

You can appeal your assessment at the County level every year with the Cook County Assessor's Office and the Cook County Board of Review. *If the assessed value of your property was significantly reduced from a prior appeal there may be no further need to appeal.*

### **Where do I gather evidence for my assessment appeal?**

The River Forest Township Assessor's Office can provide River Forest Township property owners with comparables and assistance.

**Do I need an attorney to file an appeal?**

In most cases you do not need an attorney to file a Residential Assessed Valuation Appeal with the Cook County Board of Review or the Cook County Assessor's office.