

Citizens' Guide to Appealing Property Tax Assessments

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Why would I appeal?

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- You can appeal the assessed value of your home for any of the following reasons:

Lack of Uniformity

- ✓ The assessed value of your property is not in line with other similar properties in your neighborhood.

Over-valuation

- ✓ The proposed assessed valuation of your property is higher than its actual price.

Property Description Error

- ✓ There is an error in the description of your property that adversely affects the proposed assessed valuation of your property.
- ✓ Your property has been damaged by fire, flood, or other casualty and/or part of all of the building has been demolished.

Others

- ✓ You may have other grounds to appeal specific to your property.

When can I appeal?

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- Every three years when the property is reassessed and you receive a “Notice of Proposed Assessment **or** when each township is open for appeals every year. Make sure to watch for your appeal dates.
- You have two options to appeal: both at the **Assessor's Office** and/or **Board of Review**.
 - The Board of Review now allows homeowners to **pre-file their appeal**, which will be reviewed and processed when your respective township opens in a given year.



How do I appeal?

Option 1: Appealing your Assessment at the Assessor's Office

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- **What you need to appeal?**

- A completed Assessor's Office appeal form
- All forms can be found at the five Assessors' offices throughout the county or online at www.cookcountyassessor.com

- **Where do I submit my appeal?**

- **To Appeal Online:**

Visit www.cookcountyassessor.com and enter your Property Identification Number (PIN).

- **To Appeal by Mail:**

Complete an official Complaint Form (<http://www.cookcountyassessor.com/forms/resappeal.pdf>) and mail it to:

Cook County Assessor Joe Berrios, 118 North Clark Street, 3rd Floor, Chicago, Illinois 60602
**please write "COMPLAINT FORM" on the envelope.*

- **Appeal in Person:**

Visit any of the five Cook County Assessor's Office location: Chicago (City Hall), Bridgeview, Rolling Meadows, Markham, and Skokie.

Website: <http://cookcountyassessor.com/officelocations.aspx>

- **What happens after I submit my appeal?**

- The Assessor's Office will analyze your appeal and mail you the result of your appeal.

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Option 1: Appealing your Assessment at the Board of Review

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- **What you need to appeal?**

- A completed Board of Review complaint form.
- All forms can be found at any of the six Board of Reviews offices throughout the county or online at www.CookCountyBoardOfReview.com.

- **Where do I submit my appeal?**

- **To Appeal Online:**

Visit www.CookCountyBoardOfReview.com and enter your Property Identification Number (PIN).

- ✦ **When filing an appeal on CookCountyBoardOfReview.com:** you may file your appeal at anytime online even if your township is not open. Once your township is open by the Board of Review, your appeal will be reviewed.

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(<http://CookCountyBoardOfReview.com/assets/pdfs/complaint.pdf>) and mail it to:

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- **Appeal in Person:**

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Website: http://cookcountyboardofreview.com/html/bor_offices.html

- **What happens after I submit my appeal?**

- **Hearing:** you can request a hearing with the Board of Review's staff to present your case and any substantial evidence.
- **If you decline your right to a hearing:** you will be mailed the Board of Review's decision after analysis.

Contact Information

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- **Cook County Property Tax Portal**
 - www.CookCountyPropertyInfo.com
- **Cook County Assessor's Office**
 - (312) 443-7550
 - www.CookCountyAssessor.com
- **Cook County Clerk's Office**
 - (312) 603-5649
 - www.CookCountyClerk.com
- **Cook County Treasurer's Office**
 - (312) 443-5100
 - www.CookCountyTreasurer.com

