

City of Detroit: How to Appeal Your Assessment

There are three steps to the annual appeal process in Detroit:

1. Assessors Review (local)
2. March Board of Review (local)
3. Michigan Tax Tribunal (state)

Assessors Review can take into account such circumstances as structural defects, fire damage or demolition. Property Owner/Authorized Agent may appeal the assessed value at this time. Persons acting as the authorized agent for the property owner must submit a completed "Letter of Authorization", as prescribed by the City of Detroit. All companies, LLC's and/or Corporations must provide organization documents along with title and name of authorized person to speak on behalf of company.

Any appeals not meeting the minimum requirements of Michigan Treasury Form L-4035 and not in the proper name of the owner, with proof provided, will not be considered.

To appear before the Board of Review, an appeal must be made during the Assessors Review Period

ASSESSORS REVIEW SCHEDULE:

Saturday, February 1st, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM; February 3rd thru 7th, 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM; Saturday, February 8th, 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM; February 10th thru 14th, 8:30 AM - 4:30PM; Saturday, February 15th 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM; February 17th thru 21st, 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM; Saturday, February 22nd, 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Property Owner/Authorized Agent may appeal in person, by letter, or email (AssessorReview@detroitmi.gov). Any appeals thru email must be received by 4:30 pm on February 22, 2020. If the appeal is in writing, the mail must be postmarked by February 22, 2020. ***Faxed appeals will not be accepted.*** The office address is:

City of Detroit - Assessors Review
Coleman A. Young Municipal Center
2 Woodward Ave., Suite 824
Detroit, MI 48226
(313) 224-3035

Taxpayers who are dissatisfied with the February Assessors Review decision may appeal to the March Board of Review:

City of Detroit - Board of Review
Coleman A. Young Municipal Center
2 Woodward Ave., Suite 824
Detroit, MI 48226

March Board of Review begins the Tuesday following the first Monday in March (March 3, 2020) and ends March 26, 2020. **Your appeal must be received by the second Monday of March.** Taxpayers will receive an appointment to appear before the Board of Review.

Michigan Tax Tribunal

Property Classified Residential Real Property

Protest at the March Board of Review is necessary to protect your rights to further appeal to the Michigan Tax Tribunal for valuation and exemption appeals and/or State Tax Commission for classification appeals. **To appeal a decision of the March Board of Review, you must Petition to the Michigan Tax Tribunal by July 31st of the current year.** Please visit www.michigan.gov/taxtrib for the appropriate appeal form.

Property Classified Commercial Real, Industrial Real, Personal Property

Commercial, Industrial and Personal Property Taxpayers may appeal to the City of Detroit or directly to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. If they chose to appeal to the Michigan Tax Tribunal, they must do so in writing by May 31st. Additionally, Personal Property owners must have filed their Personal Property statement by February 20, 2020. **Residential Property must begin the appeals process February 1st thru 22nd at the Assessors Review.**

Michigan Tax Tribunal
P.O. Box 30232
Lansing, MI 48909
(517) 373-4400
www.michigan.gov/taxtrib