

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW TO FILE YOUR PROTEST

To file a protest of your property assessment to the local Board of Review, you must complete the petition form and file it with the Assessor's Office between:

April 2, 2019 and June 5, 2019

(It must be in our office or postmarked by June 5th to be considered timely filed)

The petition forms are available in the Assessor's Office.

You will need to know information about your own parcel, such as the parcel number, address and legal description. You may get a copy of your property card at the Assessor's Office.

Grounds for protest include the arguments that:

- *The assessment isn't equitable compared to the other properties in your area.
- *That it is assessed for more than the value authorized by law (Market Value).
- *That the property is not assessable (tax exempt).
- *That there is an error in the assessment (Optional: state the error).
- *That there is fraud or misconduct in the assessment (Optional: specifically state).

You should locate properties of similar size to yours in your area that are valued for less than yours.

You should locate properties of similar size to yours in your area that have sold for less than yours.

You should then gather the property owner's names, parcel numbers, addresses and assessed values of these similar properties. This information can be found in the Assessor's Office and is also available on the website at www.iowaassessors.com. If you would like to search for sales data, please contact our office to acquire a User Name and Password.