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## Board of Equalization Hearings

**Petersburg, Virginia:** Public notice is hereby given that the Petersburg Board of Equalization will meet on the days hereafter listed for the purpose of hearing complaints of inequities of real estate assessments. Public meetings of the Board include a work session on September 5th, 2018 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm and hearings scheduled from 9 am to 1 pm on October 31, 2018, November 7, 2018, November 14, 2018, November 28, 2018 and December 5, 2018, all held in Council Chambers of City Hall, 135 N. Union Street, Petersburg, Virginia.

This Board of Petersburg residents is appointed by the Circuit Court to hear such complaints and give consideration to increase, decrease or affirm the current real estate assessments. In accordance with the Virginia Code 58.1-3379, before a change can be granted, the taxpayer or their agent must overcome a clear presumption in favor of the assessment. The taxpayer or agent must prove that the property is not assessed uniformly with other similar properties or prove that the property is assessed in excess of its fair market value.

Appealing to the Board of Equalization is typically a second level appeal, following an "Office Review" made to the City Assessor's Office. Property owners dis-satisfied with the decision of the Board of Equalization may appeal to the Circuit Court.

Current members of the Petersburg Board of Equalization include Joan Gardiner, Karen A. Graham and Leonard A. Muse.

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