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## **Board of Review extends assessment objection deadline to June 8**

At today's special meeting of the Board of Review, the Board voted to **extend the deadline for filing of assessment objections to Monday, June 8 at 4:45 p.m.** This is a three week extension from the original statutory deadline of May 18 and applies to all City assessments.

The initial request to extend the objections deadline was brought forward by **Alderman Marina Dimitrijevic, Alderman Milele A. Coggs and Alderman Ashanti Hamilton**, and was supported by a majority of the Common Council. The goal of extending the deadline, particularly in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, is to assist residential property owners who saw large assessment increases. The average residential property assessment increased 11.95% from last year, and to date the Assessor's Office has received 5,171 objection forms, up from 2,085 in 2019.

Alderman Dimitrijevic, who testified at the special Board of Review meeting, sees this as a win for Milwaukee residents. "The Assessor's Office has indicated the number of objections received to date is nearly two and a half times the number received last year, a clear indication of the desire to file an objection," said the Alderman. "I applaud the Board of Review for granting this extension which is a huge win for residents. Given all the challenges Milwaukeeans are facing because of COVID-19, allowing an extra three weeks to submit an appeals form for those who need the extra time is in the best interest of residents citywide."

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Alderwoman Coggs, whose district saw the highest increase in residential property values, encourages residents to take advantage of the extension. “My colleagues and I have heard from residents from the start that this process was both confusing and complicated,” said Alderwoman Coggs. “In light of today’s decision I encourage anyone who still wants to file an objection to utilize the additional time to do so.”

Alderman Ashanti Hamilton appreciates the quick action by the Board of Review. “I want to thank the Board of Review for acting quickly on our request and in the best interest of residents. Allowing an extension of the deadline will enable more people to file an appeal, and creating a more user-friendly, accessible process should always be the goal,” said Alderman Hamilton.

Residents who wish to file an objection may continue to do so by contacting the Assessor’s Office by phone at (414) 286-6565 or email at [assessor@milwaukee.gov](mailto:assessor@milwaukee.gov). It is recommended that evidence be submitted with an appeals form. Examples of evidence include: A copy of a recent appraisal, a recent market analysis conducted by a real estate agent, photos of the interior or exterior of your home that show deferred maintenance area or photos of the interior or exterior of your home that show a certain feature is not present that is have listed on the Property Record Card. Information on appealing an assessment can be found at [milwaukee.gov/AppealsandAssistance674.htm](http://milwaukee.gov/AppealsandAssistance674.htm).