

Council Approves Property Tax Assessments Appeals Recommendations

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New Orleans, LA - October 16, 2008 - The Council, acting as the Board of Review, unanimously approved the recommendations presented by Frilot, LLC in connection with the 2009 tax appeals for Orleans Parish.

The Council for the 2nd year contracted with Frilot, LLC to conduct a tax appeal hearing process in which over 435 tax appeals on 2009 assessments in the 1st thru 7th Municipal Districts were submitted to the Orleans Parish Board of Review.

Frilot submitted to the Board the recommended adjustments to the assessments for each appeal. The Board voted to adopt resolutions R-08-1 and R-08-2 accepting the recommendations for disposition of the 2009 tax appeals in the 1st thru 7th Municipal Districts and to certify the 2009 tax rolls to the Louisiana Tax Commission. Click here to view a spreadsheet containing the tax appeal decisions made by the Board of Review.

Frilot representatives emphasized the improvements in the process this year, highlighting the efficient and timely distribution of information and details on the process to residents via the City Council's website.

The Board of Review will mail determination letters to each taxpayer who had an appeal. Taxpayers and assessors may take appeals from the Board of Review's determinations to the Louisiana Tax Commission.

Appeals to the Tax Commission must be taken within 10 days of the postmark of the Board of Review determination letter. The determination letter from the Board of Review will contain the appropriate forms and instructions for filing appeals to the Louisiana Tax Commission.

New Orleans City Council

The New Orleans City Council is the legislative branch of New Orleans City government. The Council considers and enacts all local laws that govern the City of New Orleans. The Council also approves the operating and capital budgets for the City, as recommended by the mayor, and continually monitors revenues and expenditures for local government operations. The City Council is also the regulatory body for public utilities. It also reviews and has final say on many land use and zoning matters, as well as considers major economic development projects for the City. As a Board of Review for Orleans Parish, the Council examines appeals of property tax assessments for real estate taxes, and certifies tax rolls to the Louisiana Tax Commission. Other responsibilities of the Council include overseeing the operation of the public access television in Orleans Parish.

The City Council is comprised of five districts and two councilmembers-at-large. Council President and Councilmember-at-Large Jacquelyn Brechtel Clarkson; Council Vice-President and Councilmember-at-Large Arnie Fielkow; District "A" Councilmember Shelley Midura; District "B" Councilmember Stacy S. Head; District "C" Councilmember James Carter; District "D" Councilmember Cynthia Hedge-Morrell; and District "E" Councilmember Cynthia Willard-Lewis.