



City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

Department Source: City Manager

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: August 3, 2020

Re: Update regarding City Representatives to the Board of Equalization

Executive Summary

This memorandum discusses the status of city representatives to the Boone County Board of Equalization by the City Council.

Discussion

Pursuant to Section 138.015 RSMo, the City Council is authorized to appoint two city representatives to the Boone County Board of Equalization (BOE). The City-appointed members meet with representatives from the County for the purpose of equalizing assessment of property within the City. The City representatives are only entitled to hear and rule on appeals relating to property within the city limits.

At the July 1, 2019 City Council meeting, Council appointed, by motion, Council Member Matt Pitzer and the Finance Director or his designee. Jim McDonald is the Finance Director designee representing the City. No term limits were identified, but comments had been made indicating this should be discussed again the following year.

Based on feedback, the City Manager recommends allowing Council Member Pitzer, who has agreed to continue serving, and Jim McDonald, the Finance Director's designee, to continue to serve.

For the future, Council Member Pitzer recommends a staff member from the Finance Department continue to serve and that either a City Council appointed citizen with financial background or a council member would suffice for the second position. It is suggested this be discussed again in January or February 2021 as that is best in terms of timing since BOE meetings generally take place from July through September. This would ensure people were in place before meetings took place.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: N/A

Long-Term Impact: N/A

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Primary, Secondary Impact: Secondary, Tertiary Impact: Tertiary



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Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Primary, Secondary Impact: Secondary, Tertiary Impact: Tertiary

Legislative History

Date	Action
7/1/2019	REP61-19 Council approved a motion to appoint Mr. Pitzer and the Finance Director or his/her designee to the Board of Equalization.

Suggested Council Action

Staff recommends Council Member Matt Pitzer and a Finance Director designee, which is currently Jim McDonald, continue to serve on the Board of Equalization, and that a report be provided by staff in January or February of 2021 so this can be discussed again then.