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ITEM TITLE:

Board of Equalization Hearing - Appeals

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SUMMARY STATEMENT:

At the close of the filing period for accepting Property Tax Appeals the city had received 234 appeals. As of today:

- The Board of Equalization determined that the following 5 appeals (attached) could be postponed to May 23rd

The 5 appellants appearing before the Board this evening have been contacted by the City Clerk's office notifying them that their appeal will be heard on **May 23rd at 5:30 PM in City Council Chambers.**

The appellants were provided with all documentation provided to the Board along with a copy of the hearing procedure and excerpts from the Valdez Municipal Code which explain the appeal hearing process.

At this time, the 5 appeals before the board are unsigned by the appellants. All unsigned appeals must be submitted to the Board of Equalization for individual action.

Following is the excerpt from the Valdez Municipal Code regarding the hearing process:

G. Hearing.

1. An appeal before the board of equalization shall be conducted in accordance with the procedures adopted by the board, in addition to the following rules:

a. Order of Appeals - Failure of Appellant to Appeal. Appeals shall be heard in the order scheduled by the city clerk. If an appellant is not present at the time scheduled, the appeal will be deferred and the next scheduled appellant heard. When the board has heard the appeals of all scheduled appellants who have appeared at the hearing, it shall take up the appeals of absent appellants. If any appellant remains absent after deferral of the hearing, the board may proceed with the hearing upon whatever

material has been previously filed by such absent appellant.

b. Oath to Be Administered. Anyone testifying before the board shall be administered an oath prior to giving testimony.

The assessor will provide an update on the number of outstanding appeals/appellants which have not yet been contacted. An additional BOE will be scheduled in June to hear those appeals which remain unsettled.