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IDAPA 36 - BOARD OF TAX APPEALS

36.01.01 - IDAHO BOARD OF TAX APPEALS RULES

000. LEGAL AUTHORITY (RULE 0).

These rules are promulgated in accordance with Section 63-3808, Idaho Code. (3-25-13)

001. TITLE AND SCOPE (RULE 1).

01. Title. These rules shall be cited as IDAPA 36.01.01, "Idaho Board of Tax Appeals Rules." (4-5-00)

02. Scope. These rules shall govern all procedures before the Idaho Board of Tax Appeals (hereinafter "Board"). (3-25-13)

002. WRITTEN INTERPRETATIONS (RULE 2).

The Board does not have written interpretations of these rules. (4-5-00)

003. ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS (RULE 3).

There is no administrative appeal. A Board decision is appealable to the district court as provided by law. (3-25-13)

004. INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE.

There are no documents incorporated by reference into this rule. (3-25-13)

005. OFFICE -- OFFICE HOURS -- ADDRESSES (RULE 5).

The principal office of the Board shall be open each day for business and filing of documents between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays excepted. The Board's mailing address is Idaho Board of Tax Appeals, P.O. Box 83720, Boise, Idaho 83720-0088. The Board's street address is 3380 Americana Terrace Suite 110, Boise, Idaho 83706. The Board's telephone number is 208-334-3354 and its FAX number is 208-334-4060. (3-25-13)

006. PUBLIC RECORDS ACT COMPLIANCE (RULE 6).

The records associated with this chapter are subject to the provisions of the Idaho Public Records Act, Title 74, Chapter 1, Idaho Code. Except as provided by Rule 125, materials filed with the Board and issued by the Board are public documents subject to inspection, examination and copying. (3-25-13)

007. -- 009. (RESERVED)

010. DEFINITIONS (RULE 10).

As used in this chapter: (2-18-05)

01. Answer. The response to allegations, requests or claims of an appeal. (3-25-13)

02. Appellant. A party filing an appeal with the Idaho Board of Tax Appeals. (3-25-13)

03. Board. The Idaho Board of Tax Appeals, board members, presiding officer, or hearing officer as the context may dictate whenever it occurs in this chapter. (3-25-13)

04. Case File. The official record maintained by the Board regarding an appeal. (3-25-13)

05. Comparable Sales. Recently sold properties that are similar in locational and physical characteristics to the property being appraised. "Recently sold property" is property with a sale date prior to the effective date of valuation. (3-25-13)

06. De Novo. The Board will decide questions of fact and of law based on the evidence and legal

arguments presented before the Board. A de novo review means the parties must present anew any previously submitted evidence or argument they wish to have considered. New evidence and argument may also be presented. (3-25-13)

07. Ex Parte. A communication on behalf of one (1) party with the Board where the other side is not present or included. (3-25-13)

08. Intervenor. A party voluntarily intervening in an appeal who meets the intervention qualifications under Rule 85. (3-25-13)

09. Parcel. Each separate property ownership as represented by the county assessment rolls. (2-18-05)

10. Party. A person, natural or otherwise, or governmental subdivision or agency authorized to appear before the Board in any proceedings of the Board. (2-18-05)

11. Presiding Officer or Hearing Officer. A member of the Board or other person assigned to conduct a conference or hearing for the Board. (3-25-13)

12. Respondent. A party answering or otherwise responding to an appeal. (2-18-05)

13. Subject Property. The property under discussion. (2-18-05)

14. Substantive Issue. An issue where a right, interest or privilege of any party is involved that may be prejudiced as opposed to minor or mere procedural matter. (3-25-13)

011. ABBREVIATIONS (RULE 11).

01. BTA. Idaho Board of Tax Appeals. (2-18-05)

02. BOE. County Board of Equalization. (2-18-05)

03. STC. Idaho State Tax Commission. (2-18-05)

012. ORGANIZATION (RULE 12).

The Chairman of the Board shall serve as the administrative officer. (2-18-05)

01. Election. The Chairman shall be elected annually by the board members in consideration of experience with the Board and the member's availability to serve and support the Board's administrative duties. (2-18-05)

02. Power. The Chairman shall oversee the issuance of acknowledgment letters and notices, and is authorized to perform all other procedural duties such as issuing orders on nonsubstantive rulings without a formal meeting of the Board. (3-25-13)

013. -- 019. (RESERVED)

020. PROCEDURE GOVERNED (RULE 20).

01. Procedure. These rules shall govern all practice and procedure before the Board. Except as provided in Rules 800 through 860, these rules are affirmatively promulgated to supersede IDAPA 04.11.01, et seq., "Idaho Rules of Administrative Procedure of the Attorney General". (3-25-13)

02. Purpose. The purpose for the law providing for the establishment of the Idaho Board of Tax Appeals is to provide an independent, fair, expeditious, and less expensive opportunity for taxpayers and other parties to appeal from most tax related decisions of county boards of equalization and the State Tax Commission. (4-5-00)

021. LIBERAL CONSTRUCTION (RULE 21).

These rules will be liberally construed to secure just, speedy, and economical determination of all issues presented to the Board. (2-18-05)

022. CITATION (RULE 22).

The official citation of this chapter is IDAPA 36.01.01. A rule section or subsection, such as this one, may be cited in either of the following formats: (3-25-13)

01. IDAPA Format. Section 022. (3-25-13)

02. BTA Format. Rule 22. (3-25-13)

023. -- 029. (RESERVED)

030. REPRESENTATION AND PRACTICE BEFORE THE BOARD (RULE 30).

To the extent authorized by law the right to appear and practice before the Board shall be limited as follows: (3-25-13)

01. Natural Persons. A natural person may represent himself or herself or be represented by an attorney. (4-11-06)

02. Corporations. Duly authorized directors or officers of corporations representing the corporations for which they are, respectively, directors or officers; (4-11-06)

03. Limited Liability Company (LLC). A duly authorized member, or a manager of a manager-managed LLC, representing the LLC for which they are, respectively, a member or manager; (3-25-13)

04. Partnerships, Joint Ventures and Trusts. Duly authorized partners, joint venturers, or trustees representing their respective partnerships, joint ventures or trusts; (4-11-06)

05. Authorized Attorneys. Attorneys duly authorized, who are qualified and entitled to practice in the courts of the state of Idaho; (4-5-00)

06. Public Officers. Public officers or designated representatives when representing the governmental agency; (4-11-06)

031. INITIAL PLEADING -- LISTING OF REPRESENTATIVES (RULE 31).

The initial pleading of each party must name the party's qualified representative for service of documents and shall state the representative's address for the purpose of receipt of all documents. Service of documents on the named representative is valid service upon the party for all purposes. If no person is explicitly named as representative, the first person signing the initial pleading will be considered the representative. (3-25-13)

032. SUBSTITUTION OF REPRESENTATIVE (RULE 32).

A party's representative may be changed by notice to the Board and to all other parties when the proceedings are not unreasonably delayed. The presiding officer may permit substitution of a representative at hearing. (3-25-13)

033. PARTICIPATION BY TAXING AUTHORITY (RULE 33).

In proceedings where a taxing authority may participate, or in any instance where a report or recommendation of the taxing authority may be considered in reaching a decision, at the timely request of a party or upon the Board's motion, an informed representative of the taxing authority shall appear at hearing and be available for examination. When such a representative is summoned, the taxing authority shall further participate in the hearing in the same manner as a party. (3-25-13)

034. (RESERVED)

035. CONDUCT (RULE 35).

A party, representative or witness shall conduct themselves in all Board proceedings in an ethical, respectful, and courteous manner. (3-25-13)

036. ENFORCEMENT (RULE 36).

The Board and each party to an appeal are responsible for the efficient, just, and speedy conduct of the formal hearing and other proceedings before the Board. Board members or the assigned hearing officer may impose sanctions on a party for delays, the failure to comply with a subpoena or discovery order, for discovery procedure abuses, and for any other matter regarding conduct of the appeal. In imposing sanctions, the Board shall use its discretion and may be guided by the court practices of this state in civil proceedings. Board sanctions shall include, but not be limited to, dismissal of an appeal or the granting of default judgment. (3-25-13)

037. EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS (RULE 37).

01. Prohibited Ex Parte. Unless permitted by law, the Board shall not communicate regarding any substantive issue with any party, except upon notice and opportunity for all parties to participate in the communication. (3-25-13)

02. Permitted Ex Parte. The Board may communicate ex parte with a party concerning a procedural or administrative matter. (3-25-13)

038. -- 044. (RESERVED)

045. NOTICE OF APPEAL: CONTENTS (RULE 45).

01. Basic Contents. An appeal must be in writing and shall contain clear and concise statements of the matters that lay foundation for the relief claim that may be granted by the Board. An appeal shall allege necessary facts to establish jurisdiction of the Board to hear the appeal. (3-25-13)

02. Additional Contents. The appeal shall further contain: (3-25-13)

a. Appellant's full name, mailing address and telephone number; (3-25-13)

b. The tax year(s) associated with the appeal; and (3-25-13)

c. A signed statement by a natural person/appellant or by a qualified representative that the notice of appeal contents are correct. (3-25-13)

03. Appeal Filed by an Attorney or Representative. An appeal filed by a qualified representative shall contain: (3-25-13)

a. The representative's name, official title, mailing and street addresses, telephone number; and (3-25-13)

b. If the representative is an attorney, the Idaho State Bar License number. (3-25-13)

04. Change in Address or Phone Number. A party or representative must provide written notice to the Board and other parties of any change in contact information. (3-25-13)

046. NOTICE OF APPEAL: BOE APPEALS (RULE 46).

01. Separate Notice. Each parcel assessment appealed must use a separate Board Appeal Form or separate notice of appeal. Blank Appeal Forms shall be provided by the Board annually to each county auditor by May 1. (3-25-13)

02. BOE Appeal. An appeal brought under Section 63-511, Idaho Code, the notice of appeal shall contain: (3-25-13)

a. A legal description of the property relating to the appeal; (3-25-13)

b. A copy of the county board of equalization's final decision, and when available, the decision's postmarked mailing envelope or any accompanying certificate of service; (3-25-13)

c. For a valuation appeal, a clear declaration of the alleged market value for the subject property. For a property tax exemption claim, the Idaho Code section(s) associated with the claim and a summary of the factual basis supporting why exempt status should be granted or denied; and (3-25-13)

d. A copy of the final tax assessment notice for the assessment appealed. (3-25-13)

03. Filing Place. Notice of appeal must be filed with the county auditor in the county in which the property assessment originated. (3-25-13)

047. NOTICE OF APPEAL: STC APPEALS (RULE 47).

An appeal brought under Section 63-3049 or 63-707, Idaho Code, shall contain: (3-25-13)

01. Attachment. A copy of the written decision being appealed; (3-25-13)

02. Objections. A list of objections to the STC's decision; (3-25-13)

03. Basis. The basis for said objections presented in clear and concise statements; (3-25-13)

04. Amount in Dispute. A statement of the amount in dispute for each applicable tax year or period; and (3-25-13)

05. Security Deposit. When applicable, proof of compliance with the deposit requirements in Section 63-3049(b), Idaho Code, in the form of a receipt or documented acknowledgment from the STC. (3-25-13)

048. ACKNOWLEDGMENT (RULE 48).

01. Acknowledgment Letter. An acknowledgment letter will be mailed within fourteen (14) days of the receipt of an appeal in the Board's office. The Board may acknowledge multiple appeals by the same party, when the subject properties are located within a single county, with a single letter. Such acknowledgment does not constitute a formal consolidation of the appeals. (3-25-13)

02. Defective Appeal. If an appeal is found to be materially defective, untimely, or not substantially in compliance with the requirements of this chapter the Board may dismiss such appeal or require its amendment. (3-25-13)

049. (RESERVED)

050. ANSWER TO APPEAL (RULE 50).

A respondent or intervenor may file with the Board an answer to a notice of appeal. The answer shall be filed at least fifteen (15) days prior to hearing. (3-25-13)

051. (RESERVED)

052. COUNTY AUDITOR REQUIREMENT (RULE 52).

01. Contents. Upon receiving a notice of appeal to the Board under Section 63-511, Idaho Code, the county auditor shall transmit to the Board: (3-25-13)

a. A copy of the notice of appeal including the date of receipt, and if received by mail, a copy of the mailing envelope; (3-25-13)

b. The exhibits or other evidence considered by the BOE; (3-25-13)

c. A copy of the initial appeal to the BOE; (3-25-13)

- d. A copy of any decision made or action taken by the BOE together with the mailing date of the notice of decision or other proof of service; (3-25-13)
 - e. A copy of the certified minutes of the related BOE proceeding, or a verbatim record; and (3-25-13)
 - f. When applicable, a certificate that the BOE failed to act on the appeal in the time required. (3-25-13)
- 02. Minutes.** The minutes should include at a minimum: (2-18-05)
- a. The full name of persons appearing before the BOE in the appeal; (2-18-05)
 - b. Clear identification of the parcel number associated with the assessment appealed; and (3-25-13)
 - c. The decision made by the BOE specifying the value determined or exempt status decided for each parcel. (3-25-13)

053. -- 054. (RESERVED)

055. CONSOLIDATION (RULE 55).

Whenever two (2) or more ad valorem cases from the same county or different counties involve the same or substantially similar issues and the same or similar property, or where the same or similar issues exist in other tax type cases, the Board may issue a written or verbal order consolidating the cases. There shall be no consolidation of cases where the rights of any party would be prejudiced. Parties may also request in writing that cases be consolidated using this criteria. Prior to issuing a consolidation order, the Board shall consider whether the parcels are contiguous, any response given to a consolidation request, and any other matters deemed appropriate in judging whether consolidation would likely be beneficial. (3-25-13)

056. -- 059. (RESERVED)

060. FORM OF PLEADINGS (RULE 60).

- 01. Form.** All pleadings, except those filed on Board forms, submitted by a party and intended to be part of the record shall be double-spaced throughout the text and must: (3-25-13)
- a. Be submitted on white eight and one-half inch (8 1/2") by eleven inch (11") paper using one (1) side only and be legibly written; (3-25-13)
 - b. State the title of the pleading and the appeal number at the top of the cover page; (3-25-13)
 - c. Include on the upper left corner of the first page the name, mailing and street address, and if available, the telephone and FAX number of the person filing the document; (3-25-13)
 - d. Have at least one inch (1") left and top margins; and (3-25-13)
 - e. Be signed by the party if a natural person or by a qualified representative of record submitting the same. (3-25-13)
- 02. Example.** Documents complying with this rule will be in the following form: (2-18-05)

Name of Representative
Mailing Address of Representative
Street Address of Representative (if different)
Telephone Number of Representative
FAX Number of Representative (if available)
Attorney/Representative for (Name of Party)

BEFORE THE IDAHO BOARD OF TAX APPEALS

Appellant(s),)
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) Appeal No(s).
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 v.)
) DOCUMENT TITLE
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 Respondent(s).)
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(3-25-13)

061. SERVICE OF DOCUMENTS (RULE 61).

01. Service. A notice, motion or other pleading, and all other documents of any kind submitted to the Board shall be served upon all other parties' representatives of record. Service by regular mail will be considered adequate service. A Board notice, order, or final decision shall be served upon a party's representative of record. The Board may direct that documents be served on other persons who are not parties. (3-25-13)

02. Proof of Service. Every document filed with the Board must be accompanied by a certificate of service. The following is an example:

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day of , 20XX I caused to be served a true copy of the foregoing attached document by the method indicated below and addressed to each of the following:

(representative's name)

(mailing address)

(Signature)

(printed name of person signing)

- _____ U.S. Mail, Postage Prepaid
- _____ Hand Delivered
- _____ Overnight Mail
- _____ Certified Mail

(3-25-13)

062. DEFECTIVE, INSUFFICIENT OR LATE PLEADING (RULE 62).

A defective, insufficient, or untimely pleading may be returned or dismissed.

(3-25-13)

063. AMENDMENTS TO PLEADINGS -- WITHDRAWAL OF PLEADINGS (RULE 63).

The presiding officer may allow any pleading to be amended or corrected or any omission to be supplied. Pleadings will be liberally construed, and defects that do not affect substantial rights of the parties will be disregarded. A party desiring to withdraw a pleading must file a notice of withdrawal of the pleading and serve all parties with a copy. Unless otherwise ordered by the presiding officer, the notice is effective ten (10) days after filing. (2-18-05)

064. (RESERVED)

065. COMPUTATION OF TIME (RULE 65).

In computing any period of time prescribed or allowed by these rules or by any applicable statute, except where contrary to other applicable statutes, the day of the act, event or default from which the designated period of time begins to run shall not be included. The last day of the period so computed shall be included in the count unless it is a holiday, in which event the period runs until the end of the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday. (2-18-05)

066. FILING (RULE 66).

01. Document Filing Place. A document filed with the Board shall be filed with the Clerk of the Board at the Board's mailing address or street address. (3-25-13)

02. Number of Copies. Unless otherwise indicated by the Board, one (1) copy shall be filed. (2-18-05)

03. Fax Filing. A filing by facsimile (fax) transmission is permitted for a notice of withdrawal or settlement, and for a notice or motion requiring an immediate response by the Board. With the exception of a notice of withdrawal, an original must be mailed to the Board and served on all other parties the same day. (3-25-13)

a. A filing made under Rule 66.03 cannot exceed five (5) pages in length. The transmission must be legible and received in its entirety during the office hours set forth in Rule 5 for it to be considered filed on the transmission date. (3-25-13)

b. When making a filing by fax, if another party to the case is equipped with fax facilities, the service on that party must include fax service. (3-25-13)

c. The originating party shall assume the risk in fax filing and retain proof of filing by fax. (3-25-13)

067. -- 069. (RESERVED)

070. PREHEARING CONFERENCE (RULE 70).

01. Subject of Conference. The Board may direct parties to appear before it to consider: (3-25-13)

a. Any and all matters that can be agreed upon. (7-1-93)

b. Formulating or simplifying the issues. (4-5-00)

c. Stipulations which will avoid unnecessary proof. (7-1-93)

d. Preliminary motions to be made prior to the hearing. (7-1-93)

e. Requiring respondent and appellant to furnish to each other and the Board a list of all witnesses to be called by the parties at the hearing. (4-5-00)

f. The limitation of the number of expert or lay witnesses and the disclosure of the identity of persons having knowledge of relevant facts and who may be called as a witness. (4-5-00)

g. The scheduling of discovery, hearings, or other time sensitive matters. (4-5-00)

h. Discussing settlement. (4-5-00)

b. The motion must contain a statement covering in particularity the reasons the discovery is useful to the preparation of the appeal. (3-25-13)

c. The motion must be accompanied by a complete copy of the discovery request. (3-25-13)

d. Discovery must be completed at least ten (10) days prior to the scheduled hearing, unless otherwise ordered by the Board. (3-25-13)

e. The Board may deny a discovery motion that does not fully comply with the requirements of this chapter. (3-25-13)

f. Discovery responses shall be served simultaneously on all other parties. At the same time, the responding party shall file with the Board a notice stating when and on whom the response was served. The actual contents of discovery responses will not be filed with the Board unless the order so directs. Discovery responses shall be signed by a qualified representative, and in the instance of interrogatory answers, the response shall also be signed by the person answering. Such signatures constitute a certification that the signer has reviewed the responses or answers and attests to their completeness and accuracy. (3-25-13)

g. The order compelling discovery may provide that voluminous answers need not be served so long as the documents are made available for inspection and copying under reasonable terms. (2-18-05)

02. Scope and Method of Discovery: BOE Appeals. The method of discovery is limited to production requests and written interrogatories. The scope of discovery must pertain to the subject property or any comparable sale or comparable rental. (3-25-13)

a. The scope of discovery also includes the following: (3-25-13)

i. Information or records concerning an appraisal or assessment, a financial statement or related schedule, a completed study or report, and contracts including a sale agreement; (3-25-13)

ii. The identity of individuals who will be called to testify as witnesses and a summary of their expected testimony; and (3-25-13)

iii. For an exemption appeal, any information or a document relating to the exemption claimed is discoverable. (3-25-13)

b. In a valuation case the request for production of documents or written interrogatories is limited to information from the last three (3) years preceding the assessment date unless otherwise specified by the Board. (3-25-13)

c. The request for production of documents shall specifically identify each document requested. The request for inspection of land or other property shall be in accordance with the Idaho Rules of Civil Procedure. (2-18-05)

d. The Board may limit or expand the scope and method of discovery provided by this rule when it deems such action is appropriate in a particular case. (3-25-13)

03. Scope and Method of Discovery: STC Appeals. (3-25-13)

a. Production requests, requests for admissions and written interrogatories are permissible methods of discovery. The Board may limit the scope and method of discovery when it deems such action appropriate in a particular case. (3-25-13)

b. A deposition may be taken in accordance with the Idaho Rules of Civil Procedure for any purpose allowed by statute, the Idaho Rules of Civil Procedure, or order of the Board. (3-25-13)

04. Supplementation of Response. The party responding to a discovery order is under a continuing duty to promptly supplement an earlier response upon the availability of new information. (3-25-13)

05. Reciprocity – Special Case. The Board may order additional discovery not provided by this rule. (3-25-13)

06. Sanctions. Failure to substantially comply with Board ordered discovery in a good faith attempt at full compliance, may result in one or more sanctions up to and including a dismissal or default judgment of the appeals. (3-25-13)

076. -- 084. (RESERVED)

085. INTERVENTION (RULE 85).

01. Intervention of Right. Upon written application received fifteen (15) days prior to the hearing of an appeal, anyone shall be permitted to intervene in an appeal when: (3-25-13)

a. A statute confers an unconditional right to intervene; and (3-25-13)

b. The applicant demonstrates in writing an interest relating to the property or transaction which is the subject of the action that is not adequately represented by existing parties. (3-25-13)

c. The Idaho State Tax Commission may intervene as a matter of right. (3-25-13)

02. Permissive Intervention. Upon written application received at least fifteen (15) days prior to the hearing of an appeal a person natural or otherwise may be permitted to intervene: (3-25-13)

a. When a statute confers a conditional right to intervene; (3-25-13)

b. In an appeal brought under Section 63-511, Idaho Code, when an applicant can show in writing that he is a person aggrieved by the BOE decision; (3-25-13)

c. When an applicant's claim or defense and the main action have a question of law or fact in common; or (3-25-13)

d. When a party to an action relies for ground of claim or defense upon any statute or executive order administered by a federal or a state governmental officer or agency or upon any regulation, order, requirement or agreement issued or made pursuant to the statute or executive order, the officer or agency may be permitted to intervene in the action. (3-25-13)

e. The Board may deny or conditionally grant a petition to intervene for untimely filing that fails to state good cause for the late filing, to prevent disruption or undue delay, due to prejudice to existing parties or undue broadening of the issues, or for other reasons. An intervener who does not file a timely petition is bound by orders and notices earlier entered as a condition of granting the untimely petition. (3-25-13)

086. -- 089. (RESERVED)

090. CONSENT AGREEMENT -- DEFINED -- FORM AND CONTENTS (RULE 90).

01. Consent Agreement Defined. An agreement between the taxing authority and another person(s) in which one (1) or more person(s) agree to engage in certain conduct mandated by statute, rule, order, case decision, or other provision of law, or to refrain from engaging in certain conduct prohibited by statute, rule, order, case decision, or other provision of law, is called a "consent agreement." A consent agreement is intended to require compliance with existing law. (3-25-13)

02. Requirements. A consent agreement must: (2-18-05)

- a. Recite the parties to the agreement; and (3-25-13)
- b. Fully state the conduct proscribed or prescribed by the consent agreement. (2-18-05)
- 03. **Additional.** In addition, a consent agreement may: (2-18-05)
 - a. Recite the consequences of failure to abide by the agreement; (2-18-05)
 - b. Provide for payment of civil or administrative penalties authorized by law; (2-18-05)
 - c. Provide for loss of rights, licenses, awards or authority; (2-18-05)
 - d. Provide for other consequences as agreed to by the parties; and (2-18-05)
 - e. Provide that the parties waive all further procedural rights, including hearing and consultation with counsel, with regard to enforcement of the consent agreement. (3-25-13)

091. -- 099. (RESERVED)

100. FAIR HEARING (RULE 100).

01. Hearing Opportunity. In any case appealed to the Board, all parties shall be afforded an opportunity for a fair hearing after notice of hearing is provided. Opportunity shall be afforded all parties to present evidence and argument. (4-5-00)

02. Purpose of Hearing. The Board's goal in conducting hearings shall be the acquisition of sufficient, accurate evidence to support a fair and just determination of the issues involved in the appeal. (2-18-05)

03. Notice of Hearing -- Mailing. A notice of hearing shall be mailed at least twenty (20) days before the date set for hearing. (3-25-13)

04. Setting of Hearing. Where a hearing is deemed necessary by the Board, the Board will schedule a reasonably convenient time and place where each party may appear and offer evidence and argument in support of their position. (3-25-13)

05. Telephonic Hearing. The Board may conduct a telephonic hearing wherein each participant in the hearing has an opportunity to participate in the entire hearing. (3-25-13)

06. Notice of Hearing -- Contents. The notice of hearing shall include: (2-18-05)

- a. A statement of the place, date, and time of the hearing; (3-25-13)
- b. A statement of the legal authority under which the hearing is to be held; (3-25-13)
- c. A reference to the particular sections of statute or rule concerning the conduct of the hearing; (3-25-13)
- d. The name of the hearing officer who is scheduled to conduct the hearing; and (3-25-13)
- e. A short and simple statement of the matters asserted or the issues involved. (3-25-13)

07. Conference or Recess. The presiding officer may convene the parties before hearing or recess the hearing to discuss formulation of issues, admissions of fact or identification of documents to avoid unnecessary proof, exchange of documents, exhibits or prepared testimony, limitation of witnesses, establishment of order of procedure, and other matters that may expedite an orderly hearing. (3-25-13)

101. FAILURE TO APPEAR (RULE 101).

01. Default or Dismissal. Failure of either party to appear at the time and place appointed by the Board may result in a dismissal of that appeal or of the granting of the appeal. (4-5-00)

02. Setting Aside. Within ten (10) days after service of a default or dismissal order, the party against whom the order was entered may file a written objection requesting the order be vacated and stating the specific grounds relied upon. The objection must be served on all other parties in accordance with the requirements of this chapter. The Board may, for good cause, set aside an entry of dismissal, default, or final order. (3-25-13)

03. Waiver of Appearance. Upon written stipulation of both parties that no facts are at issue, an appeal may be submitted to the Board with or without oral argument. However, the Board in its discretion may require appearance for argument or presentation of evidence. (3-25-13)

102. WITHDRAWAL (RULE 102).

An appellant may withdraw the notice of appeal in writing, by fax filing, or on the record at hearing. (3-25-13)

103. (RESERVED)

104. ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (RULE 104).

01. Alternative Resolution. The Idaho Legislature encourages informal means of alternative dispute resolution (ADR). Before the Board, the means of ADR include, but are not limited to, settlement negotiations, mediation, fact-finding, minitrials, and arbitration, or any combination of these. These alternatives can frequently lead to a more creative, efficient and sensible outcome than may be attained under formal contested case procedures. The Board may use ADR for the resolution of issues in controversy if the Board finds that such a proceeding is appropriate. (3-25-13)

02. Neutral. When ADR is used for all or a portion of a contested case, the Board may provide a neutral to assist the parties in resolving their disputed issues. The neutral may be an employee of the Board or any other individual who is acceptable to the parties to the proceeding. A neutral shall have no official, financial, or personal conflict of interest with respect to the issues in controversy, unless such interest is disclosed in writing to all parties and all parties agree that the neutral may serve. (3-25-13)

03. Confidentiality. Communications in an ADR proceeding shall not be disclosed by the neutral or by any party to the proceeding unless all parties to the proceeding consent in writing, the communication has already been made public, or the communication is required by court order, statute or rule to be made public. (2-18-05)

105. INFORMAL DISPOSITION -- SETTLEMENT (RULE 105).

Any action may be dismissed by the Board by stipulation, agreed written settlement, consent order, or default. For good cause shown and upon written motion made within ten (10) days of entry of a Board order, the Board may set aside such entry, judgment, or order. (2-18-05)

01. Formalizing Agreements. An agreement by the parties may be put on the record or may be reduced to writing and filed with the Board. (3-25-13)

02. Confidentiality. Settlement negotiations in a contested case are confidential, unless all participants to the negotiation agree to the contrary in writing. Facts disclosed, offers made and all other aspects of negotiation (except agreements reached) in settlement negotiations are not part of the record. (3-25-13)

03. Settlement Inquiry. Through notice or through an order made on the record the Board may inquire of the parties whether settlement negotiations are in progress or are contemplated, or may invite settlement of an entire proceeding or a certain issue. (3-25-13)

04. Consideration of Settlement. A settlement must be reviewed under this rule. When a settlement is presented, the Board will prescribe procedures appropriate to the nature of the settlement to consider the settlement. The Board may convene an evidentiary hearing to consider the reasonableness of the settlement and whether acceptance of the settlement is consistent with the Board's charge under the law. (3-25-13)

05. Burden of Proof. Proponents of a proposed settlement carry the burden of showing that the settlement is in accordance with the law. (3-25-13)

06. Settlement Not Binding. The Board is not bound by settlement agreements that are not unanimously accepted by all parties or that have significant implications for persons not parties. (3-25-13)

106. PRESIDING OFFICER (RULE 106).

Any member of the Board or assigned hearing officer may preside at the hearing and shall have power to: (3-25-13)

01. Oath or Affirmation. Administer oaths or affirmations, call a party or other person present at hearing as a witness, examine witnesses and receive evidence; (4-5-00)

02. Depositions. Take or cause depositions to be taken; (7-1-93)

03. Hearing. Regulate the course of the hearing and maintain an orderly proceeding; (4-5-00)

04. Motions. Dispose of the procedural requests, motions or similar matters; (7-1-93)

05. Certification by Board. Make decisions or proposals for decisions subject to certification by a majority of the Board; (3-25-13)

06. Official Record. Develop a full and accurate record and certify the record of said appeal on behalf of the Board; and (3-25-13)

07. Other Action. Take any other appropriate action reasonable under the circumstances. (4-5-00)

107. PROCEDURE AND TESTIMONY (RULE 107).

01. Preliminary Procedure. The presiding officer shall call the proceeding for hearing and proceed to take the appearances and act upon any pending motion. Parties may then make opening statements. (3-25-13)

02. Testimony. All testimony, except matters noticed officially or entered by stipulation at hearings or prehearing conference, shall be taken only on oath or affirmation. (3-25-13)

03. Order of Procedure. The appellant shall present first with the respondent and any intervenor then presenting. Parties may then make closing statements in the same order as the presentation of evidence. The presiding officer may require the submission of briefs in addition to, or in lieu of, closing arguments. A maximum of two (2) weeks shall be allowed to submit these briefs. The presiding officer may prescribe a different procedure than herein provided. (3-25-13)

04. Presentation of Evidence. Evidence may be presented in the following order: (4-5-00)

a. Evidence is presented by appellant. (4-5-00)

b. Evidence is presented by any intervening or opposing party. (4-5-00)

c. Rebuttal evidence is presented by appellant. (4-5-00)

d. Surrebuttal evidence is presented by any intervening or opposing party. (4-5-00)

05. Examination of Witness. With regard to any witness who testifies, the following examination may be conducted: (3-25-13)

a. Direct examination by the party who called the witness. (3-25-13)

b. Cross-examination by any intervening or opposing party. (4-5-00)

- c. Redirect examination by the party who called the witness. (4-5-00)
- d. Recross-examination by any intervening or opposing party. (4-5-00)
- e. Examination by the Board. (3-25-13)

108. -- 109. (RESERVED)

110. STIPULATIONS (RULE 110).

With the approval of the presiding officer the parties may stipulate as to any fact at issue. The stipulation may be filed, or offered through an exhibit or by oral statement shown upon the hearing record. Any such stipulation shall be binding upon all parties so stipulating and may be regarded by the Board as evidence. The Board, however, may require evidence of the facts stipulated, notwithstanding the stipulation. (3-25-13)

111. CONTINUANCE (RULE 111).

01. Continuances. A continuance may be ordered by the Board upon filing of a timely and written motion containing the stipulated agreement and signature of all parties to the appeal. For a scheduled hearing, timely shall mean at least fifteen (15) days prior to hearing. The motion shall clearly and convincingly show good cause and contain the specific time extension requested. (3-25-13)

02. Consideration. Continuances shall be generally disfavored by the Board. The Board shall grant, or require on its own initiative, a continuance only when unusual and highly pressing circumstances are present. In no instance shall an extension cause a delay in proceedings for more than three (3) months. In no instance shall a second continuance be granted. (4-5-00)

112. -- 114. (RESERVED)

115. OFFICIAL NOTICE (RULE 115).

The Board may take official notice of judicially cognizable facts. In addition, the Board may take notice of general, technical, financial, or scientific facts within the Board's specialized knowledge. Parties shall be notified either before or during the hearing of the material noticed. Parties shall be given a reasonable opportunity to object, review, examine, and rebut or contest the information sought to be noticed. (3-25-13)

116. OPEN HEARINGS AND CLOSED DELIBERATIONS (RULE 116).

01. Public Hearings. All hearings conducted by the Board shall be open to the public except where confidential evidence is being taken under a protective order. (4-5-00)

02. Closed Deliberations. After hearing and the close of the record, the Board may recess to closed deliberations for the limited purpose of deciding the matter before it. (4-5-00)

117. RULES OF EVIDENCE (RULE 117).

01. Evidence, Admissibility and Evaluation. Evidence should be taken by the Board to assist the parties' development of the record, not excluded to frustrate that development. The presiding officer is not bound by the Idaho Rules of Evidence. No informality in any proceeding or in the manner of taking testimony invalidates any evidence. The presiding officer, with or without objection, may exclude evidence that is irrelevant, immaterial, unduly repetitious, or inadmissible on constitutional or statutory grounds, or on the basis of any evidentiary privilege provided by statute or recognized in the courts of Idaho. The Board shall give effect to rules of privilege recognized by law. All other evidence may be admitted if it is of a type commonly relied upon by prudent persons in the conduct of serious affairs. When proceedings will be expedited and the interests of the parties will not be substantially prejudiced, any part of the evidence may be received in written form. The Board's experience, technical competence and specialized knowledge may be used in evaluation of the evidence. (2-18-05)

02. Documentary Evidence. Upon request, parties shall be given an opportunity to compare the copy

with the whole of the original document. Filing of a document does not signify its receipt in evidence, and only those documents which have been received in evidence shall be considered as evidence in the official record of the case. (2-18-05)

03. Depositions. A deposition may be offered into evidence. (2-18-05)

04. Prepared Testimony. The presiding officer may order a witness's prepared testimony previously distributed to all parties be included in the record of hearing as if read. Admissibility of prepared testimony is subject to the standards expressed in this rule. (2-18-05)

05. Objections and Exceptions. Where objections are made to the admission or exclusion of evidence, the grounds relied upon shall be stated briefly at the time of objection and before the start of closing statements. Formal exceptions to rulings are unnecessary and need not be taken. (3-25-13)

06. Evidentiary Rulings. The presiding officer shall rule on the admissibility of all evidence and may grant exceptions to the requirements of this rule in the interest of justice. Such rulings may be reviewed by the Board in determining the matter on its merits. Any evidence ruling may be deferred to the entire Board by the presiding officer or taken under advisement. The presiding officer may receive evidence subject to a motion to strike at the conclusion of the hearing. (2-18-05)

07. Offer of Proof. An Offer of Proof for the record shall consist of a statement of the substance of the evidence to which objection has been sustained. In any event where the presiding officer rules evidence inadmissible, the party seeking to introduce such evidence must make an Offer of Proof to have such evidence considered by the Board. (3-25-13)

08. Failure to Produce Evidence -- Adverse Inference. The Board may draw an adverse inference when a party or witness fails to produce requested evidence which is reasonably in the party or witness's control. (2-18-05)

09. Post-Hearing Evidence. Unless allowed by the presiding officer, no post-hearing evidence will be accepted. (3-25-13)

118. EXHIBIT (RULE 118).

01. Custody. The Board shall keep all original exhibits unless otherwise provided by law. (3-25-13)

02. Marking. Exhibits will be marked to indicate the sponsoring and offering party. (3-25-13)

03. Form. An exhibit prepared for hearing should be typed or printed on eight and one-half inch (8 1/2") by eleven inch (11") white paper, except a map, chart, photograph or non-documentary exhibit may be introduced on the size or kind of medium customarily used for them. (3-25-13)

04. Copies. A copy of each documentary exhibit must be furnished to each party present and to the presiding officer, except for unusually bulky or voluminous exhibits that have previously been made available for the parties' inspection. Copies must be of good quality. (2-18-05)

05. Objection. An exhibit identified at hearing is subject to appropriate and timely objection before the start of closing statements. A presented exhibit to which no objection is made is automatically admitted into evidence without motion. (3-25-13)

119. -- 124. (RESERVED)

125. CONFIDENTIALITY -- PROTECTIVE ORDERS (RULE 125).

The decisions and official records in appeals before the Board are public records and will be disclosed unless otherwise provided by Title 74, Chapter 1, Idaho Code, or when a protective order, consistent with Title 74, Chapter 1, Idaho Code, is issued. A party may file a motion for a protective order showing good cause why specific information should remain confidential. The motion must include a sworn affidavit as to the truthfulness of the

contents. If another party opposes the request, that party must file a written objection within ten (10) days. The motion for protective order must be filed within twenty (20) days of the mailing date of the Board's notice of appeal acknowledgement letter. (3-25-13)

126. -- 134. (RESERVED)

135. SCOPE OF APPEAL IN AD VALOREM CASE (RULE 135).

In an appeal brought under Section 63-511, Idaho Code, where the appellant challenges only the value or exempt status upon either the land or the improvements on the land, the Board shall have jurisdiction to determine the value or exempt status over the entire property. The Board shall have the power to increase or decrease the value of property in a market value appeal. If the Board finds that a property classification is in error, it shall determine the correct classification. (3-25-13)

136. -- 139. (RESERVED)

140. DECISIONS AND ORDERS (RULE 140).

01. Submission for a Decision. The proceeding shall stand submitted for decision by the Board after the record is closed by the presiding officer or as otherwise prescribed by the Board. (3-25-13)

02. Proposed Orders. Prior to a final decision on the merits the Board may request proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law from each party. (3-25-13)

03. Decisions Dicta. A member who dissents or concurs may state their reasons. (3-25-13)

04. Notice. Parties' representatives shall be notified by mail of any final decision or order. (3-25-13)

05. Public Inspection. Decisions and orders of the Board shall be open to public inspection. (7-1-93)

06. Decision of Board. A decision of the Board will be based on the official record for the case. When no dispute of fact exists, the decision will be based on conclusions of law made by the Board. The Board shall hear and determine appeals as de novo proceedings. Decisions shall contain separately stated findings of fact and conclusions of law upon which the Board's determination is based. (2-18-05)

141. -- 144. (RESERVED)

145. RECONSIDERATION -- REHEARING (RULE 145).

01. Time for Filing and Service. A party adversely affected by a final decision may move for reconsideration or rehearing within ten (10) days of the time the decision is mailed. The petitioner must file a supporting brief making a strong showing of good cause why a reconsideration or a rehearing motion should be granted. Where the presentation of additional evidence is sought, the motion shall include the reason why such evidence was not presented previously. (3-25-13)

02. Consideration. Reconsideration or rehearing may be granted or ordered on the Board's own motion if, in reaching the decision, the Board has overlooked or misconceived some material fact or statement of law; misconceived a material question in the case; applied law in the ruling that has subsequently changed; or a party is found to have been denied the opportunity for a fair hearing. (3-25-13)

03. Procedure for Reconsideration. Reconsideration is based on the record, unless the Board allows additional evidence and argument. (4-5-00)

04. Procedure for Rehearing. Rehearings will be conducted in accordance with the procedure at regular hearings, subject to the discretion of the Board. (3-25-13)

05. Answer. Within ten (10) days after a motion for reconsideration or rehearing is filed, any other party may file a response in support of or in opposition to said motion. (3-25-13)

06. Disposition. A motion for reconsideration or rehearing shall be deemed denied if, within thirty (30) days from the date the petition is received by the Board, no response is made by the Board. (3-25-13)

146. -- 150. (RESERVED)

151. OFFICIAL RECORD (RULE 151).

01. Content. The record shall include: (3-25-13)

a. All notices of proceedings; (2-18-05)

b. All applications or claims or appeals, petitions, complaints, protests, motions, and answers filed in the proceeding; (2-18-05)

c. All intermediate or interlocutory rulings; (2-18-05)

d. All evidence received; (3-25-13)

e. All offers of proof, however made; (2-18-05)

f. All briefs, memoranda, proposed orders of the parties or of the presiding officer, statements of position or support, and objections, but not discovery responses; (3-25-13)

g. All evidentiary rulings on testimony, exhibits, or offers of proof; (2-18-05)

h. All taxing authority data submitted in connection with the consideration of the proceeding; (2-18-05)

i. A statement of matters officially noticed; (2-18-05)

j. All recommended orders, preliminary orders, final orders, and orders on reconsideration or rehearing; (3-25-13)

k. Photocopies of all original documents unless specifically objected to by a party to the proceedings; and (3-25-13)

l. The recording or transcript specified in Rule 151.02. (3-25-13)

02. Verbatim Record. The official recording of the hearing will be taken by means of a digital recorder or other device. A party requesting a court reporter shall bear the expense of the reporter's fees. If the reporter's transcript is deemed by the Board to be the official transcript, the party requesting the reporter shall furnish the Board a transcript free of charge. (3-25-13)

03. Cost. A certified copy of a recording will be provided at the cost of ten dollars (\$10). A party may receive one (1) copy at no charge. (3-25-13)

152. -- 154. (RESERVED)

155. SUBPOENA (RULE 155).

01. Issuance of Subpoena. Upon a motion in writing, or upon the Board's own initiative without motion, the Board may issue a subpoena requiring: (3-25-13)

a. The attendance of a witness from any place in Idaho; (3-25-13)

b. The production of documents from any place in Idaho; or (3-25-13)

c. The production of any book, paper, document, or tangible thing kept within or without Idaho to any designated place of deposition or hearing for the purpose of taking testimony or examining a document before the Board. (3-25-13)

02. Motion Contents and Timing. The motion shall be in writing and include a showing of relevance and the reasonable scope of the testimony or specific items sought. The motion for subpoena shall be filed at least fifteen (15) days before the date and time set forth in the subpoena, exceptions may be granted upon a showing of good cause. (3-25-13)

03. Service. Service, and the filing of the proof of such service with the Board, shall be the responsibility of the requesting party. (3-25-13)

04. Fees. A witness summoned pursuant to subpoena shall be paid by the party at whose instance they appear the same fees and mileage allowed by law to a witness in civil cases in the district court. (3-25-13)

05. Motion to Quash. The Board, upon motion to quash made promptly, and in any event, made before the time to comply with the subpoena, may: (3-25-13)

a. Quash or modify the subpoena if it is unreasonable or requires evidence not relevant to any matter in issue; or (7-1-93)

b. Condition denial of the motion upon reasonable conditions. (3-25-13)

156. -- 164. (RESERVED)

165. REQUEST FOR TRANSCRIPT (RULE 165).

The party requesting a transcript shall make the arrangements for preparation of transcript and payment of the fee directly with the transcriber. The original hearing recording will remain with the Board until requested by the transcriber, or included with the official record transmitted to the district court. (3-25-13)

166. -- 999. (RESERVED)

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