

Additional Petition Information

Find out what your current assessment is:

Assessment Notices are mailed out before April 1st if there is a changes in the value.

Search the Assessor's web site for your property <http://iowa.iowaassessors.com>

Call the Assessor's Office at 319-642-3851

File a Petition to Local Board of Review. (The petition is available online.)

Complete top portion of petition with the county name along with:

Your name
Legal description of property
Street address of property
Current year
Current assessed value

Taxpayers may petition on one or more of the following grounds:

1. Assessment is not equitable as compared with like properties in the assessing district. If you think your assessment is out of line. List the address or parcel number and current assessed value on like properties. Valuations are to represent market value.
2. Assessment is for more than authorized by law. (Iowa Code Section 441.21) If your property is not worth as much as the new valuation. State both the amount by which the property is over-assessed and the amount considered to be the actual value of the property. Offer evidence that influenced your value and persuade the Board of Review you are right. Any of the following would be good support:
 - Copy of a recent sales listing of your property
 - Copy of a sales agreement or evidence of a recent sale
 - A list of three to five sales of comparable properties that indicate your property would not sell for the assessed value
 - Pictures or inspection reports showing deficiencies that may not be obvious from an outside inspection, such as termite damage or a foundation problem
3. Property is not assessable or misclassified. State specific reasons.
4. Error in assessment of property. If the assessor's office has made a mistake in describing your property. Minor corrections may not reduce your value.
5. Fraud or misconduct in assessment. This should be clearly stated.

Be sure to request an **oral hearing** in your written protest/petition if you would like to speak to the Board of Review.

The protest will not be accepted unless it is signed. Please date and complete the bottom section of the petition with your contact information, including your mailing address where the notices will be sent and a daytime phone number where you can be reached if there is a scheduling question.

If you are protesting assessments for more than one class of property, you will need to complete a separate petition for each class.

You must file (in person), postmark (in the mail) or email (assessor@co.iowa.ia.us) your petition from April 2 to April 30 for it to be valid.

**Iowa County Assessor
901 Court Ave
PO Box 347
Marengo, IA 52301**

Board of Review Hearing

The Board meets in May to consider assessment protests. It stays in session as long as it needs to act on all petitions, usually not past May 31st. If you requested an oral hearing in your petition:

You will receive written notice of your hearing date and time.

You can appear before the Board to support your petition.

You will receive written notice of the decision and reasons after the Board adjourns.