



Marion County
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Property tax appeals panel seeks new members

Positions are currently open in the pool from which the Marion County Board of Property Tax Appeals (BOPTA) is appointed.

Oregon law provides that one holder of public office and two non-office holding citizen members are appointed to serve from October 15 through June 30. Marion County, as provided by law, has non-office holding members serve in the place of the office-holding member. Members of the panel consider appeals of property valuations that affect the amount of taxes property owners pay. A one-day training session is required and is usually conducted in January. The board hears and makes determinations on appeals from February through April 15, meeting an average of three days a week. Because of the large time commitment, board members are offered some reimbursement.

Applicants should be at least 18 years old and residents of Marion County. Experience with and knowledge of current property values is helpful.

Application forms are available at the Marion County Business Services Office, 555 Court St. NE, Salem, OR 97301. Completed applications should be submitted by 5 p.m. Friday, August 8.

For more information or to receive an application by mail, contact the Business Services Office, 503-588-7990, e-mail gchapin@co.marion.or.us, or visit Marion County's volunteer web site, <http://www.co.marion.or.us/BS/VOL/>.

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