

ORDINANCE NO. 32-84

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION - CHANGE OF VENUE

WHEREAS, WAC 458.14.052 authorizes county Boards of Equalization to grant a change of venue to appellants under certain conditions; and,

WHEREAS, Mason County believes that such action would be advantageous to the County and to appellants under those conditions,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT, the Mason County Board of Equalization may grant a change of venue to a Board of Equalization of another county or may hear and decide appeals upon receipt of a request for a change of venue from another county, if:

- a) The other county has adopted an ordinance authorizing such change of venue; and,
- b) Mason County and the other county have entered into an agreement as to where the hearing shall be heard, for reimbursement of costs, and such other issues necessary to facilitate the change of venue; and,

THAT such change of venue may be granted only:

- a) When the Board requesting a change of venue cannot achieve a quorum due to members disqualifying themselves because of conflict of interest and/or the appearance of fairness doctrine; and/or,
- b) The appellant is a member of the Board, an assistant to the Board, or any County Commissioner appealing his or her own property or any property in which that Commissioner has an interest; and,

THAT the decision of the hearing Board shall be transmitted to the Board which requested the change of venue which shall then issue an order which shall be subject to the right of appeal; and,

THAT, the Mason County Board of Equalization shall provide the forms necessary to implement this Ordinance.

DATED this 2nd day of April, 1984.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Commissioner

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ATTEST:

Rebecca S. Joche
Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

John W. B. Burkhardt
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