

## Heber City Property Tax Increase Public Hearing Wednesday

The Wasatch Taxpayers Association has been working with the Wasatch County Council the past month to fix the property tax assessment process that gives you your property tax notice every July and is due in November. Some county taxpayers seem to be grossly over-taxed, compared to others that have been under-taxed for a decade, or more. As you know, this system is supposed to be fair and equitable, and the State Code requires it, as well. As real estate values have increased the last 4 years, some properties still show a remarkably low market value. We believe if this is corrected your tax RATES should go down which will hopefully bring relief to those over-taxed.

That's what makes this proposed Heber City tax increase untimely, at best. It only makes the Wasatch County tax assessment problem worse. There is a public hearing, known as the Truth In Taxation Hearing, on Wednesday, August 11, 2021 at 7pm at the Heber City Council Chambers at 75 N. Main Street. They need to hear your concerns about this tax increase, so be there. Or at least send them an email before Wednesday at: [CCPublic@heberut.gov](mailto:CCPublic@heberut.gov) .

We already sent our recommendation to the Heber City Council to NOT raise taxes at this time with some of our research. We also asked them to help us correct this process with the Wasatch County Assessor first. Unfortunately, our new County Assessor inherited this problem when he took office in January and is cooperating in finding a solution. We can only encourage the Wasatch County Council and Assessor to fix it, and we need your support in this effort! Email your concerns to them at: [Council@wasatch.utah.gov](mailto:Council@wasatch.utah.gov) .

We believe that when we finally have an equitable property tax system, with residential and commercial properties alike, the Heber City Council will be able to actually see where they stand with revenues. The taxpayers will also feel confident that this system is finally equitable and not feel like the County is awarding winners and losers every year.

To learn more about the county assessment problem, and who should be appealing their taxes this year and how to do it, go to our website at [WasatchTaxpayersAssociation.com](http://WasatchTaxpayersAssociation.com). Our mission statement is: "The Wasatch Taxpayers Association exists to promote fair, transparent and impartial economic policies for all taxing units of the Heber Valley. WTPA will defend the rights of all citizens to participate in local decisions, to know the impacts of taxing and fees upon their quality of life, and to provide an avenue for citizens to be involved in the solutions that will protect their quality of life, liberty, and economic independence."

Please join our organization while you're there, we'd love to have you!

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