

## **TAX INCREASE QUESTIONS**

### ***Why did my taxes go up?***

1. Your taxing districts levied for more money; the tax rate increased.
2. Your assessment increased.
3. Your Homestead Improvement Exemption ran out after the four year limit.
4. You didn't file your PTAX-340 (senior citizen assessment freeze exemption) last year.

### ***If I didn't get credit on my tax bill for all my exemptions, can my tax bill be corrected?***

Yes. A certificate of error may be issued to correct your tax bill and give you credit for the exemptions you are entitled to.

### ***I just bought a house and the taxes are more than I expected. What caused this?***

1. Exemptions which the previous owner qualified for may have been removed.
2. The assessed value of the property times three (full market value) was less than what you paid for the property. We are required by statute to assess property at 1/3 of market value.

### ***Can I appeal the amount of my tax bill?***

The assessed value on your property for the tax bill is final. Appeals on the assessment needed to be filed with the Ford County Board of Review within 30 days after assessment notices were mailed and published in the fall. At the time you receive your tax bill, you may request a reassessment by your assessor for the current assessment year. This will not change the current tax bill.

### ***Can I protest my taxes?***

A tax protest requires you to file a tax objection complaint with the Circuit Court against a taxing district for doing such things as illegal levies and tax rates. For assessment complaints, you are required to appeal your assessment with the Board of Review as stated above.

For additional information click on the appropriate tabs on the webpage.

Supervisor of Assessments - Ford County, Illinois

The assessment office does not deal with tax rates.

The assessment office does not handle tax protests.

If you have questions about your assessment or your exemptions, contact the assessment office.