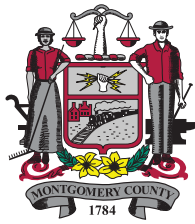


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Effective immediately, the deadline for filing annual assessment appeals is August 1. Please be advised that this deadline also applies to applications for real estate tax exemption. See Title 53 Pa.C.S.A. §8844(c)(2).

What are some of the reasons for this change in the appeal deadline?

- There is a statutory deadline that all annual appeals be heard and acted upon by October 31st. This deadline is necessary so that all changes in assessment resulting from the appeal hearings are entered into the assessment rolls and the property owner and affected taxing districts are notified no later than November 15th. (Title 53 Pa.C.S.A. Section 8844(e)). Taxing districts need this information in order to set their budgets for the following year.
- The volume of annual appeals has steadily increased over the past few years to the point that we have been unable to grant requests to reschedule hearings except in the most compelling circumstances. The volume of appeals is expected to continue to increase.
- An earlier appeal deadline gives our office additional time to schedule hearings and more time for each individual hearing.

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