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Virtual Hearings – Duration of COVID-19 Pandemic
(For Immediate Release)

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic, the Property Tax Appeal Board (PTAB) will not be conducting in-person hearings until further notice. Effective December 1, 2020, PTAB will be conducting its hearings remotely using the WebEx virtual platform. The PTAB is employing the following protocol for the remote/virtual hearings.

- All hearings will be open to the public. PTAB will publish, on its website (<http://www.ptab.illinois.gov>), the WebEx meeting ID, and password for each hearing. Anyone who wishes to attend a hearing may do so by logging in at [Illinois.WebEx.com](https://illinois.webex.com) using the appropriate meeting ID and password.
- Appellants, attorneys, and witnesses who wish to present evidence or argument during a hearing must have video conferencing capability.
- Attorneys and *pro se* appellants will receive an invitation to their WebEx virtual hearing via email if PTAB has their respective email addresses.
- The virtual hearing will be recorded per section 1910.98 of PTAB's rules. The recording may be limited to only an audio recording, or it may be a recording of both the hearing's audio and visual.
- The hearing officer will have the ability to mute any disruptive hearing attendee.

Any party who wishes to proceed with a hearing in-person should notify the hearing officer before the hearing's commencement. Hearings continued for an in-person hearing will be given a status date in **April 2021**.

Sincerely,

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