

## **NOTICE TO FARMINGTON HILLS TAXPAYERS**

### **NOTICE OF ELECTRONIC MEETING**

**PLEASE NOTE: THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD ELECTRONICALLY AS AUTHORIZED UNDER THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT, MCL 15.261, *ET SEQ.*, AS AMENDED. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC BODY AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY PARTICIPATE ELECTRONICALLY, AS DESCRIBED BELOW.**

The reason for holding this meeting electronically is to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, protect the public health, and provide essential protections to vulnerable citizens, by limiting in-person contact. Critical mitigation measures include social distancing and limiting the number of people interacting at public gatherings. This includes public meetings.

#### **Procedure for public participation by electronic means:**

The City will be utilizing the video/audio conferencing platform Zoom for electronic meetings, which will be accessible to members of the public body and members of the public. Members of the public body will be able to hear and speak (and see if using video) to each other for the entire meeting. Members of the public will be able to hear (and possibly see) members of the public body during the meeting but will only be able to speak during a public comment period, as explained below.

The meeting host will call for public comment during that portion of the meeting. Members of the public participating in the electronic meeting who wish to speak during public comment should use the “Raise Hand” feature in Zoom or if you dialed into the meeting use \*9 on the telephone keypad to raise your hand; but only after the meeting host has called for comments. Pressing \*9 on a telephone keypad will activate the “Raise Hand” feature signaling to the meeting host that a participant wishes to speak. Participants will be called upon one at a time, as would happen during an in-person meeting. The meeting host will determine the order of participant speakers. The participant will be acknowledged by name, if available, or by the last 4 digits of the participant’s phone number. The participant will have five (5) minutes to share comments with the public body. At the conclusion of the participant’s comments or the allotted five (5) minutes, the participant will be muted or requested to mute themselves. Participants calling in should use \*6 on a telephone keypad to mute and unmute themselves when called upon by the meeting host to do so.

Public comments may also be emailed to [mdingman@fhgov.com](mailto:mdingman@fhgov.com) **prior to 4:30pm** on Friday, March 5, 2021 to be read aloud during the Public Comments portion of the meeting.

#### **How members of the public may participate:**

Members of the public are welcome to participate in the electronic meeting and may do so by clicking or copying and pasting the Zoom webinar/meeting link in their browser (downloading Zoom client is required) or by using the dial in number and webinar or meeting ID, all of which will be located at the top of the agendas and posted to the City’s website closer to the date of the meetings.

Members of the public may contact members of the Board of Review by emailing [mdingman@fhgov.com](mailto:mdingman@fhgov.com).

**Procedures for accommodations for persons with disabilities:**

The City will be following its normal procedures for accommodation of persons with disabilities. Those individuals needing accommodations for effective participation in this meeting should contact the City Clerk (248) 871-2410 at least two working days in advance of the meeting. An attempt will be made to make reasonable accommodations.

Change of Assessment Notices for 2021 have been mailed to all Farmington Hills taxpayers as of February 19, 2021. Any resident who has not received their 2021 Notice may verify their 2021 assessment by calling the Farmington Hills Assessors Office at (248) 871-2470.

The Farmington Hills Board of Review will meet to hear taxpayers' appeals on:

Monday, March 8, 2021	from	9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 9, 2021	from	9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, March 10, 2021	from	1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Taxpayers may schedule an appointment before the Board of Review by contacting the Assessors Office before 4:30 p.m. Friday, March 5, 2021. All information supporting the taxpayer's contention of value must be dropped off at the Assessor's office or sent by email to [mdingman@fhgov.com](mailto:mdingman@fhgov.com) prior to 4:30 p.m. on Friday, March 5, 2021 in advance of your scheduled appointment.

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