5.12 Update

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KPB 5.12 – Overview *(34 Pages of Code)*

- **Assessment Roll**
- **Full and True Value Determination**
- **Real Property**
- **Personal Property**
- **Exemptions**
- **Taxes**
- **Tax Appeals**
- **Board of Equalization**
- **Manifest Clerical Errors**

The Challenges of 5.12

- **Too much information piecemealed into one chapter**
- **Difficult to follow the different aspects of the information**
- **Requirements are unclear**
- **Content is often confusing**

What this Ordinance does

Proposed Solution: Reorganizing Section 5.12

- **Separates Section 5.12 into four smaller, subject focused chapters**
- **Improves readability and navigation**
- **Clearly defines exemptions and their requirements**
- **Consolidates related processes into the same chapter**

Chapter 5.11 Personal Property Tax and General Provisions

- **Moves all Personal Property provisions into a dedicated section for clarity and organization**
- **Virtually unchanged from the existing chapter**

Chapter 5.12 Real Property Tax and General Provisions

- **Retains all code related to real property**
- **Updates Assessing Standards to align with recent changes in state law**
- **Revises Farm / Agricultural Use provisions to reflect updated state law**
- **Updates the Notice of Assessment process**

Chapter 5.13 Real Property Tax Exemptions, Tax Credits and Deferral

- **Defines all exemptions**
- **Defines “Use” – Developed Land**
- **Defines exclusive use**
- **Defines KPB residency**
- **Explains differences between mandatory and optional exemptions**
- **Sets due date for most exemptions as February 15**

Chapter 5.13 Real Property Tax Exemptions, Tax Credits and Deferral continued

- **Establishes clear guidelines for taxpayers' inability to comply**
- **Allows for annual audits of all exemptions**
- **Clearly outlines exemption requirements**
- **Defines the appeal process for denied exemptions**

Thank you