

WHATCOM COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

BOE NO: 2021-12496

HEARING DATE 6/9/2022

PARCEL NO: 380224-240018-0000

OWNER: Steven Baker

PROP ADDR: 2315 Lynn St.

Senior exemption Program


BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: John Bruton  
David Simpson  
Jim Day

TAXPAYER PRESENT: Did not attend

ASSESSOR PRESENT: Debbie Draper

OBSERVER(S) PRESENT: Jen Glyzinski

RECORDING ID: 2021-12496 Baker

HEARING BEGAN AT (TIME): 11:00 ENDED AT (TIME): 11:09

Jennifer Schneider  
 CHAIRPERSON (OR AUTHORIZED DESIGNEE)

6/9/22  
 DATE

JENNIFER SCHNEIDER, CLERK OF THE BOARD

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Steven Baker

Petition Number: 2021-12496

Hearing Date: June 9, 2022

The Petitioner did not attend but explained on his petition that the Assessor's determination used high standards that are no longer appropriate.

Debbie Draper, representing the Assessor, reviewed the comparable sales and recommended denying the Senior Exemption

Motion Made By: Jim Day moved to deny the Senior Exemption Request. This is in regards to the Assessor determining that there is no permanent residence on the property and therefore does not qualify.

Seconded By: David Simpson

Motion carried: 3-0

Information for Board Order:

Steven Baker, the Petitioner, did not attend but explained on his petition that the Assessor's determination used high standards that are no longer appropriate. The Assessor reviewed the Senior Citizen and Disabled Persons Exemption and explained that when Mr. Baker came in the office he was in a foreclosure status with the Treasurer's Office. He was hoping to get on the Exemption to get his taxes lowered to hopefully stave off the foreclosure and applied for back years as well. He was denied the exemption do to the fact that he was unable to meet the residency requirement that requires a building be on the property. The house that had been on the property was demolished in 2018 by the City of Bellingham, since then he was living on the property under a tarp.