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Ratio Study Narrative 2024

General Information	
County Name	Steuben County

Person Performing Ratio Study			
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Sales Window	1/1/2023 to 12/31/2023
If more than one year of sales were used, was a time adjustment applied?	If no, please explain why not.
n/a	No sales outside of the sales window were used for the ratio study.
	If yes, please explain the method used to calculate the adjustment.
	n/a

Groupings

Please provide a list of townships and/or major class groupings (if any). Additionally, please provide information detailing how the townships and/or major classes are similar in market.

****Please note that groupings made for the sole purpose of combining due to a lack of sales with no similarities will not be accepted by the Department****

Residential

•Residential improved – townships were grouped by geographic location. These township groupings take into account what buyers typically seek in terms of amenities including but not limited to school districts, shopping, dining, and access to the interstate. Groupings were also used when a major lake or small town crosses the township lines.

ResImpNortheast – Clear Lake and Fremont Townships

ResImpSoutheast – Otsego, York, Richland & Scott Townships

ResImpSouthwest – Salem and Steuben Townships (Town of Ashley/Hudson)

ResImpNorthwest – Jackson and Millgrove Townships (Lake Gage)

For the residential improved study Jamestown and Pleasant Townships were not grouped with any other townships due to their unique markets. Pleasant Township is home to the City of Angola while Jamestown Township is home to Lake James, Lake Jimmerson, & Lake George three of the largest ski-lakes in Steuben County. There were no sales in Richland Township.

•Residential vacant – Pleasant Township was the only township with sufficient sales for a study.

Commercial

•Commercial improved – no groupings – insufficient sales to run a study.

•Commercial vacant – no groupings – insufficient sales to run a study.

Industrial

•Industrial improved – no groupings – insufficient sales to run a study.

•Industrial vacant – no groupings – insufficient sales to run a study.

Cyclical Reassessment

Please explain which townships were reviewed as part of the current phase of the cyclical reassessment.

Jackson, Jamestown, and Scott Townships were reassessed in their entirety. Part of Pleasant Township was reassessed as well. Pleasant Township has such a large parcel count that a portion of Pleasant Township is reassessed with each phase of cyclical reassessment.

Land Order

Was the land order completed for the current cyclical reassessment phase? If not, please explain when the land order is planned to be completed.

Yes, a land order was presented to the PTABOA for this cycle of reassessment in the spring of 2023. Updates to said land order will be presented to the PTABOA annually.

Comments

In this space, please provide any additional information you would like to provide the Department in order to help facilitate the approval of the ratio study. Such items could be standard operating procedures for certain assessment practices (e.g. effective age changes), a timeline of changes made by the assessor's office, or any other information deemed pertinent.