SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION ORDER ASSESSMENT YEAR 2024 – TAX YEAR 2025

Carolyn Suryan 1602 12th Street Anacortes, WA 98221 PETITIONER: Carolyn Suryan

PETITION NO: 24-071 PARCEL NO: P58003

ASS)	ESSOR'S VALUE		<u>B</u>
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BOE VALUE DETERMINATION

LAND	\$ 289,100	\$ 289,100
IMPROVEMENTS	\$ 448,700	\$ 448,700
TOTAL	\$ 737,800	\$ 737,800

The petitioner was present at the January 16, 2025, hearing.

This property is described as a residential home situated on .14 acres located at 1602 12th Street, Anacortes, Skagit County, Washington. The appellant cites: I do not believe the assessor's value reflects the true & fair market value for 1602 12th Street, Anacortes, WA for the following reasons: 1. Home location not appropriately considered. 2. Assessor's value far exceeds recent home sales on 12th street. 3. Increase in valuation from \$575,500 in tax year 2024 to \$737,800 in tax year 2025 implies a one-year value increase of \$162,300 or 28% for subject; however, Anacortes median home prices have decreased during this period by 11.4%. 4. Significant inconsistencies in assessed values between comparable properties on 12th street and subject.

The Assessor, represented by Deputy Assessor Brian Herring and Doug Webb, provided a response to the appeal, noting that the assessor's market evidence provided support for the current assessment. The Assessor requests the board sustain the current evaluation.

BOE members present were Rich Holtrop, Angie Bossarte, and Betta Spinelli.

The burden of proof is on the petitioner to provide clear, cogent, and convincing evidence to support the appeal. In this case, the petitioner did not submit sufficient evidence to support a reduction. Assessment comparisons, Zillow, and Redfin are not acceptable market-based evidence that we can consider. Therefore, the Board finds that the petitioner has failed to overcome the evidentiary standard necessary to overrule the assessor. We also want to note that the negative traffic influence on 12th street is considered in the assessment of the property.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously upholds the Assessor.

Skagit County Board of Equalization

Dated:

Rich Holtrop, Chair

Mailed:

Crystal Carter, Clerk of the Board

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