
Request under Dillingham Municipal Code §4.15.125(G) — Late Appeal Relief 11/26/2025

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City Clerk City of Dillingham

Re: Request under Dillingham Municipal Code §4.15.125(G) — Late Appeal Relief Property ID Nos.:
101570-0003, 101614-001, 100905-001 Property Address: 12 F Street, Dillingham, AK 99576 Assessment
Year: 2025

Dear City Clerk and Board of Equalization:

I respectfully request relief under Dillingham Municipal Code §4.15.125(G) and ask that the Board find I was unable to timely file an appeal of the 2025 property tax assessment.

Grounds for the request:

- I did not receive the mailed assessment notice because it was sent to my former marital residence at [REDACTED] Wasilla, AK, which is the address of my estranged spouse, [REDACTED]. I have not physically resided at this address since May 2024.
- This situation arose amidst a highly contentious divorce proceeding, where I am currently covering all marital expenses until our trial in December 2025. Despite my financial obligations, my soon-to-be ex-spouse, [REDACTED] received the mailed assessment notice but did not forward it to me nor did she verbally inform me that it was received. As far as I know, the notice was discarded, and I was never notified of its contents or existence.
- All previous taxes have been paid directly by [REDACTED], as my job kept me away from home 50% of the time. Your records should reflect this. I fully expected that the 2025 taxes had been paid as usual.
- I first discovered that the 2025 assessment was unpaid on October 1, 2025, when I visited City Hall in person to update my mailing address. I filed a request for a hearing immediately upon receiving this new information.
- I did not receive proper notice and was unaware of the assessment due to my high-conflict divorce and the corresponding withholding of mail. This made it impossible to file an appeal within thirty days of the mailing date. This also constitutes "circumstances beyond my control" as there was nothing I could do to prevent it.
- My circumstances submitted herein demonstrate that I was "unable to comply" with the thirty-day filing requirement, as defined by §4.15.125(G)(2). These facts fulfill the provision for "compelling reasons or circumstances that were beyond the property owner's control and which would prevent a reasonable person under the circumstances from filing a timely appeal." This is not a case of simple negligence or failure to update an address under normal circumstances, but rather a direct result of circumstances outside my control during a high-conflict legal separation.

- [REDACTED]
- I understand the Board will consider this written request in a scheduled hearing by not less than three members. It will limit consideration to whether I was unable to comply (not valuation), and its determination will be based on my letter and supporting documents as described in §4.15.125(G)(1)–(3).

My personal history with you as well as my credit score show that I am financially responsible and am not looking for an excuse not to pay. I am an honest and fair man and expect the same in return.

My hope is that you approve a proper hearing so that I can present the facts in full and we can come to a fair and ethical decision on these issues. I look forward to accomplishing this without litigation.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Supporting documents (attached):

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- Proof of my current physical residence.

Requested relief and next steps: I request that the Board determine (find that) I was unable to file a timely appeal under §4.15.125(G), grant me thirty days from the date of the Board's decision to file a formal appeal, and schedule a panel hearing to consider this request. Please notify me of the hearing date as required by code.

Thank you for your consideration. Please contact me at [REDACTED] if you need additional information or documentation.

Sincerely,

Travis Handy