

**KITTITAS COUNTY  
BOARD OF EQUALIZATION**

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***ORDER OF THE KITTITAS COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION***

Property Owner(s): Brauner 2021 Family Trust  
Mailing Address: 9111 N Kensington Dr  
Spokane, WA 99208  
Tax Parcel No(s): 822434  
Assessment Year: 2025 (Taxes Payable in 2026)  
Petition Number: BE-250018

Having considered the evidence presented by the parties in this appeal, the Board hereby:  
**Sustained**  
the determination of the Assessor.

Assessor's Determination

Assessor's Land: \$205,440  
Assessor's Improvement: \$488,200  
TOTAL: \$693,640

Board of Equalization (BOE) Determination

BOE Land: \$205,440  
BOE Improvement: \$488,200  
TOTAL: \$693,640

**Those in attendance at the hearing and findings:**

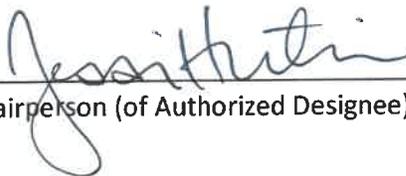
See attached Recommendation and Proposed Decision of the Hearing Examiner.

Hearing Held On : October 23, 2025

Decision Entered On: November 13, 2025

Hearing Examiner: Ann Shaw

Date Mailed: 11/24/25

  
Chairperson (of Authorized Designee)

  
Clerk of the Board of Equalization

**NOTICE OF APPEAL**

This order can be appealed to the State Board of Tax Appeals by filing a Notice of Appeal with them at PO Box 40915, Olympia, WA 98504-0915, within THIRTY days of the date of mailing on this Order (RCW 84.08.130). The Notice of Appeal form is available from the Washington State Board of Tax Appeals or the Kittitas County Board of Equalization Clerk.

**KITTITAS COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION- PROPOSED RECOMMENDATION**

Appellants: Brauner 2021 Family Trust  
Petition: BE-250018  
Parcel: 822434  
Address: 40 Lake Cle Elum Dam Rd, Ronald

Hearing: October 23, 2025 10:39 AM

Present at hearing:  
Brad Melanson, Appraiser  
Jessica Miller, Clerk

Testimony given:  
Brad Melanson

Assessor's determination:  
Land: \$205,440  
Improvements: \$488,200  
Total: \$693,640

Taxpayer's estimate:  
Land: \$205,440  
Improvements: \$446,690  
Total: \$652,130

**SUMMATION OF EVIDENCE PRESENTED AND FINDING OF FACT:**

The petitioner is concerned about the improvement value and that there have been no changes made to the structures on the property. In addition to the lack of improvements, the petitioner is concerned that the market has softened and tariffs have impacted real estate prices.

The assessor's representative discussed the market report and spoke about how the comparable sales support their value. The change in improvement value was made based on the sales prices in the county of properties of comparable type and in similar areas.

**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:**

"Upon review by any court, or appellate body, of a determination of the valuation of property for purposes of taxation, it shall be presumed that the determination of the public official charged with the duty of establishing such value is correct, but this presumption shall not be a defense against any correction indicated by clear, cogent and convincing evidence." RCW 81.40.0301

In other words, the assessor's determination of property value shall be presumed correct. The petitioner can overcome this presumption that the assessor's value is correct only by presenting clear, cogent and convincing evidence otherwise.

"All real property in this state subject to taxation shall be listed and assessed every year, with reference to its value on the first day of January of the year in which it is assessed..."

RCW 84.40.020

"The true and fair value of real property for taxation purposes...must be based upon the following criteria:

- (a) Any sales of the property being appraised or similar properties with respect to sales made within the past five years...
- (b) In addition to sales as defined in subsection (3)(a) of this section, consideration may be given to cost, cost less depreciation, reconstruction cost less depreciation, or capitalization of income that would be derived from prudent use of the property, as limited by law or ordinance..."

RCW 84.40.030(3)

"(1) In making its decision with respect to the value of property, the board shall use the criteria set forth in RCW 84.40.030.

(2) Parties may submit and boards may consider any sales of the subject property or similar properties which occurred prior to the hearing date so long as the requirements of RCW 84.40.030, 84.48.150, and WAC 458-14-066 are complied with. Only sales made within five years of the date of the petition shall be considered.

(3) Any sale of property prior to or after January 1<sup>st</sup> of the year of revaluation shall be adjusted to its value as of January 1 of the year of evaluation, reflecting market activity and using generally accepted appraisal methods...

(4) More weight shall be given to similar sales occurring closest to the assessment date which require the fewest adjustments for characteristics."

WAC 458-14-087

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Hearing Examiner has determined that the appellant has not met the burden of proof to overturn the Assessed Value of the property with clear, cogent, and convincing evidence.

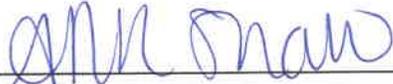
The petitioner did not provide comparable sales evidence to support their petition.

Every finding of fact this is a conclusion of law shall be deemed as such. Every conclusion of law that contains a finding of fact shall be deemed as a finding of fact.

**PROPOSED DECISION:**

The Examiner proposes that the Kittitas County Board of Equalization uphold the assessed value.

DATED 11/6/25

  
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Ann Shaw, Hearing Examiner