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Julie Patterson Hunter,  
Clerk of the Board

**MEETING DATE:** May 24, 2022  
**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Julie Patterson Hunter, Clerk of the Board  
**SUBJECT:** Ordinance amending Article 13 and Article 30 of Chapter II of the Nevada County Administrative Code regarding the Assessment Appeals Board

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Introduce and waive further reading of the proposed Ordinance.

**FUNDING:** All activities of the Assessment Appeals Board process and Board member reimbursement are fully funded through County General Fund dollars.

**BACKGROUND:**

Two articles of Nevada County Code governing the Assessment Appeals Board need to be amended to comply with current law.

1. Sec. A-II 13.11 addresses compensation to Assessment Appeals Board members for attendance at meetings. Currently, compensation is set by Ordinance. This change provides that the Board of Supervisors will set compensation to the Assessment Appeals Board members via resolution.
2. Sec. A-II 30.7 currently states that meetings of this body are subject to the Ralph M. Brown Act, Cal. Gov't Code §54950. However, Cal. Rev. & Tax. Code § 1605.4 specifically states that "On the conclusion of taking evidence, the board may deliberate in private in reaching a decision." While transparency in government function is a county priority, the functioning of the Assessment Appeals Board must comply with state statute.
3. Sec. A-II 30.13 addresses removal of a member. A member may be removed by the Board of Supervisors for cause. Currently, the removal process is pursuant to Article 19 of the County Personnel Code. The Nevada County Personnel Code is intended to apply to county employees. Members of the Assessment Appeals Board are appointed by the Board of Supervisors. Removal for cause should comply with removal of any other appointed position.
4. Sec. A-II 30.15 addresses fees as the fees are set by resolution.
5. Other amendments to this Article are part of an on-going effort to update clarification and formatting of the Nevada County Codes. The changes are not substantive.

**Item Initiated and Approved by:** Julie Patterson Hunter, Clerk of the Board  
**Submitted:** April 29, 2022