

OHIO BOARD OF TAX APPEALS

Mike Grace,)
)
 Appellant,) (REAL PROPERTY TAX)
)
 vs.) DECISION AND ORDER
)
 Medina County Board of Revision)
 and Medina County Auditor,)
)
 Appellees.)

APPEARANCES:

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Ms. Margulies, Mr. Eberhart, and Mr. Dunlap concur.

This appeal is being considered following an order to show cause issued by this board on January 13, 2009. In said order, this board stated that it may not have jurisdiction over the appeal, since the statutory transcript (“S.T.”) certified to this board by the Medina County Auditor indicated that a copy of the notice of appeal was not filed with the Medina County Board of Revision (“BOR”), as required by R.C. 5717.01. Appellant has not filed a response to this board’s order.¹

¹ Pursuant to this board’s Rules of Practice and Procedure, specifically Ohio Adm. Code 5717-1-12(B), the appellant was given fourteen days to respond to this board’s order.

The record in this matter indicates that appellant, Mike Grace, timely filed a notice of appeal with the Board of Tax Appeals on August 22, 2008. However, a review of the statutory transcript reveals that a copy of the notice of appeal was not filed with nor received by the BOR. S.T., DTE Form 3, Line 5.

In determining whether we have jurisdiction to consider this matter, this board must be mindful of the jurisdictional requirements to appeal from a decision of a county board of revision, as set forth in R.C. 5717.01. R.C. 5717.01 provides, in pertinent part:

“An appeal from a decision of a county board of revision may be taken to the board of tax appeals within thirty days after notice of the decision of the county board of revision is mailed as provided in division (A) of section 5715.20 of the Revised Code. *** Such appeal shall be taken by the filing of a notice of appeal, in person or by certified mail, express mail, or authorized delivery service, with the board of tax appeals *and* with the county board of revision. ***”
(Emphasis added.)

When a statute confers the right of appeal, adherence to the terms and conditions set forth therein is essential to the enjoyment of the right conferred. *Am. Restaurant & Lunch Co. v. Glander* (1946), 147 Ohio St. 147. The statutory requirements set forth in R.C. 5717.01 for filing a notice of appeal from a decision of a county board of revision are mandatory and jurisdictional. *Bd. of Edn. of Mentor v. Bd. of Revision* (1980), 61 Ohio St.2d 332. Strict compliance with R.C. 5717.01 is essential to vest jurisdiction with this board.

Based on the above, we are constrained to adhere to the condition set forth in R.C. 5717.01 that a notice of appeal must be filed with both this board and the county board of revision. Accordingly, as the Board of Tax Appeals does not have

jurisdiction to consider the instant appeal since appellant did not file a notice of appeal with the county board of revision, it is the decision and order of the Board of Tax Appeals that the instant appeal must be, and hereby is, dismissed.

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