## Filtering Sales Data on the Open Data Portal

This document shows how to answer the question, "How can I download all sales of a specific property class in a specific neighborhood?" using the Open Data portal.

You will be able to download an excel or .csv file of sales data. It contains each transaction's PIN, year, class, sale date, price, deed type, document number, and other data.

This does not contain characteristics data, and this is not a tool that can find comps for a **specific PIN**. Please note that when answering questions like, "what sales were used to value *my* property (say, a class 203 with 1750 sf in Hyde Park neighborhood 010)?", this data may approximate an answer but might not be the full answer for multiple reasons.

- Not all properties within a class and neighborhood have comparable characteristics. Another class 203 with 1000 sf is not comparable to the subject property with 1750 sf. Or, one PIN might have two improvements on it.
- 2. Similarly, some neighborhoods are quite large and there might be a large distance between properties. In a large neighborhood, another class 203 with 1700 sf might be much farther from the subject property than other comparable properties.
- 3. Properties in other classes might be comparable. A sale of a class 204 with 1810 sf could be similar enough to the subject property that the model included the sale in estimating the market value of the subject property.

The best way to find comps for a specific PIN's appeal is by using the comps finder feature within an <u>online appeal filing</u>.

Caveats aside, the next section shows how to access sale data, add and apply filters, and download.

## Instructions

- 1. Navigate to the <u>Parcel Sales</u> dataset.
- 2. Click "View Data" in the top right:

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3. Add and apply filters. Scroll down to "Filters" and click "Select a column to filter...":

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4. You will apply filters for class and neighborhood. Say you want class 203s and 204s.
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b. Neighborhood: you'll need the 5-digit neighborhood code. This is a combination of the township code (always 2 digits) and a neighborhood code (always 3 digits; if it's "10", add a zero at the front, like "010").

If you don't know the township and neighborhood:

- i. you can go to <u>this map</u> to find 5-digit neighborhood codes by scrolling around the map.
- Or, if you don't know a PIN's township and neighborhood, the Assessor's PIN detail page has township name ("Hyde Park") and Neighborhood ("10"). Taxcode is not neighborhood code.

Hyde Park, neighborhood 10 has a code of 70010.

Once you have the 5-digit code, click " + AND" and add "neighborhood\_code", and enter 70010 as the criterion.

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