

Blair County – Parcel Identification Number Structure

The Blair County Assessment Office has been working to improve data, automation, and processes for county operations, the reassessment, and better long-term public access. Part of this process has been to provide an improved Parcel Identification Number (PIN) for all county real estate.

The historical District-Map-Parcel structure of the PIN was retained, but the formatting was improved and standardized to better support sorting and data management. All tax parcels, including buildings on leased land, now have their own unique PIN number.

Most existing parcels fit the consistency rules of the new format and could be structured; however, there were some that had to be significantly changed because they were too long, were duplicated, or had other issues. Three tax maps in Logan Township (district 14) were renamed as follows: Map 15A-AA became 15A1, map 15A-CC became 15A2, and map 22B-2-A became 22B3. Also, about 7% of the county's 65,000 parcel ID numbers were assigned new parcel suffixes (the split-off part of the PIN).

The county recognizes the importance of maintaining ways for users to find parcels using the old numbers and format, even though the old PINs were not unique. Assessment Office computers and the CourthouseOnline.com web service both support searching by "Old Map Number" for parcels that existed as of June 1, 2014. A cross-reference data file is also available from the Assessment Office.

Typical Example: 2000-09 -6-2 became 20.00-09 . . -006.02-000 (no change)
 Parent Example: 2000-09 -6-1-A became 20.00-09 . . -006.01-000 (letter dropped)
 Double-Split-off: 2000-09 -6-1-1 became 20.00-09 . . -006.09-000 (new suffix)

Note: The Double-Split-off parcels with a new suffix will require searching by "Old Map Number"

Sections of the PIN and examples of what is permitted for each position:

| DD . WW - NNA - PPP . SS - LLL | | |
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| DISTRICT (Positions 1 -2) (DD) | 01 = | District Number (01 – 25) |
| Minor Separator (Position 3) | . | Period |
| Ward (Positions 4 -5) (WW) Used in Altoona, Hollidaysburg, Tyrone | 00 = 01 = | No Ward Ward: (01 - 99) |
| Major Separator (Position 6) | - | Hyphen |
| BASE MAP (Position 7 – 8) (NN) | 00 = 02 = | Non-Surface Map (ie: Minerals) Base Map Number (01 - 99) |
| Inset Map (Position 9 – 10) (AA) | AA = A2 = A. = .. = | Inset Map, Two Letters (AA - ZZ) Inset Map, Letter & Number (A1 - Z9) Inset Map, Single Letter (A. - Z.) Not an Inset Map |
| Major Separator (Position 11) | - | Hyphen |
| PARCEL NUMBER (Position 12 – 14) (PPP) | 201 = | Parcel Number (001 – 999) |
| Minor Separator (Position 15) | . | Period |
| Parcel Suffix (Position 16 –17) (SS) Letters will be dropped (former parent pin process) | 00 = 23 = | Parcel Number Suffix - Parent Parcel Number Suffix (01 - 99) Note: legacy double-splits assigned new suffix numbers. |
| Major Separator (Position 18) | - | Hyphen |
| LEASEHOLD NUMBER (Position 19 – 21) (LLL) | 000 = 123 = | Surface Parcel Leasehold Number (possibly lot number) |