

FIELD REVIEW NOTICE

The Assessor is required to appraise, for tax purposes, all real and personal property within the City. Michigan Statute requires that all property be evaluated annually based on current market conditions. This requires an inspection of each property in the City.

This includes measuring all buildings and other property improvements on the property, taking current digital photos of the property, verifying the buildings current physical condition and review the amenities present, and interviewing the property owners to determine bedrooms, baths, and type of basement, etc.

The State of Michigan has recommended that 20% of properties in a governmental unit be visited each year to review assessment record accuracy and to ensure that properties are being appraised and assessed at 50% of the market value. In efforts to continually improve our excellent standards, the Assessor's office strives to enhance the annual review process and better meet or exceed the State of Michigan's expectations. By completing a review of 1/3 of the City each year, the goal is that every single property is visited by the end of 2013. Then the Assessing office will implement the review of 20% a year of the City, then every single property is visited at least once every 5 years.

If one of the inspectors from the City arrives wearing a City issued I.D. badge and carrying a clipboard and digital camera and knocks on your door requesting to review your property, please welcome them. Accurate assessments benefit everyone in the community.