

The following is the definition of a Revaluation Program as described in the "Handbook for New Jersey Assessors" :

"A reassessment program seeks to spread the tax burden equitably within a taxing district by appraising property according to its true value and assessing it based upon such value. This is accomplished by the mass appraisal of all real property in the taxing district by an outside professional appraisal or reassessment firm."

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There is an erroneous assumption by some that a reassessment is a means by which a municipality increase property taxes.

Revaluations do not increase the total amount of revenue to be raised by taxation. The municipality only collects the amount of tax dollars that the four units of local government (local school, regional school, county government and municipal government) determine is



necessary to operate.

New Jersey's real property tax is ad valorem or a tax "according to the value." The State Constitution at Article VIII, Section 1, Par. 1 requires that all real property be assessed at the "same

standard of value." New Jersey Statutes at N.J.S.A. 54:4-23 establish the standard of property value to be the "full and fair value" or "true value" which is defined as "the price at which, in the assessor's judgement, each parcel of real property would sell for at a fair and bona fide sale."



### Why a Revaluation?

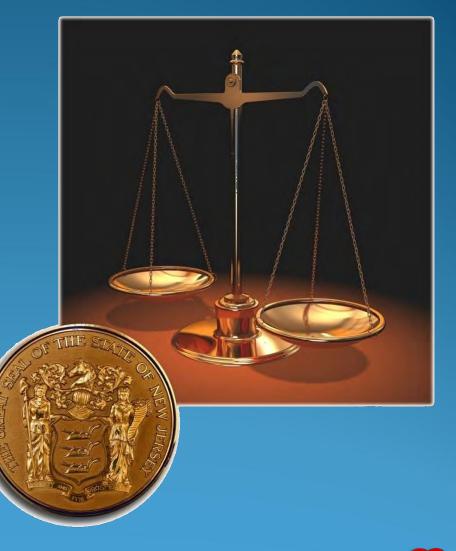
- Ordered by County Board of TaxationCriteria used to determine need:
  - \*last reval (2013)
  - \*average ratio (69.83)
  - \*coefficient of deviation (18.72)
  - \*number of appeals
    - Other:

\*changes in characteristics in areas or neighborhoods within the municipality and in individual properties

\*economics (inflation and recession)

\*fads (desirability of architecture, size of home, etc...)

\*legislation (wetlands, pinelands, zoning, etc...)



### For Example Purposes Only

• Property A: 2023 Assessment = \$175,000

2023 Tax Rate = \$4.226/100

 $2023 \text{ Taxes} = (\$175,000 \times .04226) = \$7,396 \text{ Taxes}$ 

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•Property A: 2024 Proposed Assessment = \$210,000 2023 Adjusted Tax Rate = \$3.522/100

2023 Adjusted Taxes = (\$210,000 x .03522) = \$7,396 Taxes

Other Examples:

•Property A: 2024 Assessment = \$230,000 x .03522 = \$8,100 Taxes 2024 Assessment = \$190,000 x .03522 = \$6,692 Taxes



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• Property A: 2024 Proposed Assessment = \$297,500

2023 Adjusted Tax Rate = \$2.486/100

2023 Adjusted Taxes = (\$297,500 x .02486) = \$7,396 Taxes

Other Examples:

•Property A: 2024 Assessment = \$325,000 x .02486 = \$8,080 Adj Taxes 2024 Assessment = \$275,000 x .02486 = \$6,837 Adj Taxes

### The Revaluation Process



Letter of Introduction with brochure

# Inspect

# •Mailed to address of record for all residential and vacant land owners.



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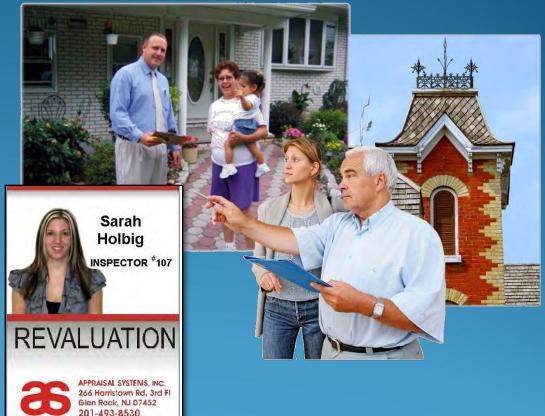
### *First visit - Introduction of Field Rep. to property owner* Inspect

•First visit between 9:30am-5pm

•Each inspector is issued an ID authorized by the Police Dept.

•Do not allow anyone in your home without this identification.

•Call Police Department *before* allowing anyone in your home if you have any concerns.



### First visit – Site Inspection & Outside Influences

Inspect

# •Economic loss due to outside influences (environmental nuisances and hazards.)

•Topography (land contours and grades.)



•View (positive and negative influences; views of water, mountains or valleys can produce positive values, conversely a poor view can produce a value penalty.)





### First visit – Site Inspection cont....



•Economic loss due to outside influences (such as High Tension wires.)

•Immediately adjacent commercial or industrial properties, gas station, stores, schools, firehouses (can produce a value loss.)

•High traffic streets (proximity to noise, fumes, congestion and accidents are also negative factors that are considered.)



### First visit – Measure exterior

# Inspect



•The exterior of the residence is examined in detail, starting with the foundation, framing, exterior cover and roof.

•The inspector will measure the exterior dimensions of the main improvement and all other structures on the property.

•The architectural style of the main improvement is identified.





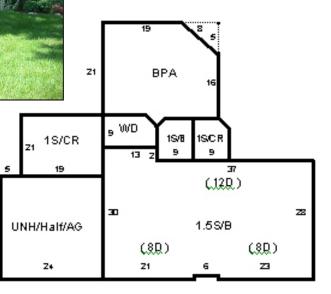


First visit – Measure exterior cont....

### Inspect



A footprint of the house is drawn to scale.The house is broken into sections





### First visit – Style of the house

# Inspect

•Architectural style: the character of a building's form and ornamentation

•There are five basic designs:

- -One story
- -One and One-half story
- -Two story
- -Split Level
- -Bi-level

•The architectural style of the main improvement is identified and its effect on property value is considered. Is the style in harmony with the neighborhood and market standards?





### First visit – Exterior quality of the house

Inspect

•Quality refers to the character of construction and the materials used, the manner of construction and the workmanship.

•The condition refers to the overall wear and tear, the extent of physical deterioration and the level of maintenance.



First visit – Call Back

## Inspect



• If no one is home on the first visit, the inspector will leave a notice.

•The notice will have an appointment for return visit.

•The appointment will be in the evening (typically between 5pm-7pm.)

•Some Saturdays may also be available.

•The property owner can reschedule by calling the phone number on the card.



BLOCK:	
LOT:	
DATE:	

Dear Property Owner:

A representative of Appraisal Systems was here to inspect your property in accordance with our contract to revalue all property located in the municipality.

Since we were unable to make an interior inspection, we will return on:

DAY:	DATE:	TIME:	INSPECTOR #:
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If you cannot accommodate us at this time, **please call (973) 285-9940** between the hours of 10AM and 4PM to reschedule to a mutually convenient time.

In the event of inclement weather, this visit will have to be rescheduled.



First visit – Interior Inspection

# Inspect

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•The interior of the residence is inspected next and takes approximately 5-15 minutes depending on the size of the house.

•All levels of the home including the main floor, upper levels, attics (with fixed stairs) and basements will be inspected.

•The inspector will also note the number of rooms, heat type, air conditioning, number/type of fireplaces, plumbing, and the percent of finish in attics and basements.

First visit – Interior Inspection - Kitchens

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•The quality and condition of the kitchen will be examined.



### First visit – Interior Inspection - Bathrooms

Inspect

•The quality and condition of the bathroom will be examined.



*First visit – Interior Inspection – Basements/Attics* 

# Inspect

•The quality and condition of the basement and

attic areas will be examined.



*First Visit – Interior Inspection – COVID 19 Concerns* 

Due to ongoing COVID-19 concerns, inspectors will be supplied with protective gear while performing inspections

If an inspector is not given the opportunity to do an interior inspection, interior information will be estimated which may result in an inaccurate assessment of your home.

There are 2 ways an interior inspection can be performed:

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1) A physical inspection where the inspector enters the premises and does a complete walk through.

2) A contactless interior inspection using a video conference either during the first visit or a mutually convenient scheduled time

• If no one is home at the time inspection, the inspector will leave an inspection card notice.



### Second Visit – Estimate

Inspect

•If the callback appointment has not been rescheduled by the homeowner, the inspector will return at the scheduled day and time range.

• If no one is home at the time of the second visit, the inspector will estimate the interior. The estimated information will be left with the property owner on a blue "estimate card."

• If the information is incorrect, the homeowner can call the number on the card to reschedule another interior inspection to correct any inaccuracies.

•Information can not be changed over the phone.



Dear Property Owner:	BLOCK: LOT: DATE: TIME:			
A representative of Appraisal Systems has made a second visit to your property and found no one home. An exterior appraisal was made as follows:				
# of unit's: # of Baths :	HVAC:			
Bath Quality: Kitchen Qual	ity:1/2 Story:			
Basement: Overall cond	ition:			
If this information is incorrect, please call (973) 285-9940 between 10AM and 4PM to arrange for an interior inspection.				
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### Condominium/Co-op/Townhouse Properties

- •Same inspection process as residential properties. (Process will be coordinated with property manager if necessary.)
- •Master deeds will be utilized to confirm size, layout, model and common elements.
- •Same review process as other residential properties.



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Neighborhood Development

•The neighborhood is the immediate environment of the subject property. A neighborhood is defined by certain characteristics that are homogenous and differentiate it from other areas in the community.

•Elements of homogeneity or similarity

Analyze

Similar style houses
Houses of similar utility
Similar age and size of houses
Similar quality of houses
Similar price range of houses
Similar land uses (zoning)



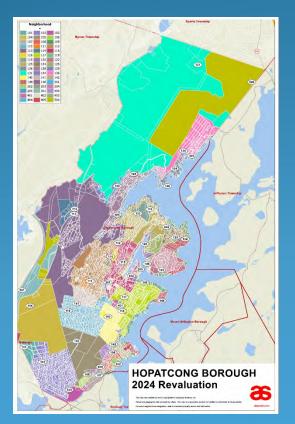


### Neighborhood Development cont....



•Neighborhoods are delineated for purposes of analysis and eventual establishment of land values.

•Neighborhood boundaries are often established by:



-Natural barriers (rivers, lakes, hills, etc....)

-Political barriers (city limits, zone boundaries, school districts, etc....)

-Man made obstacles (streets and highways, rail lines, major utility rights of way, "green belts", etc.....)

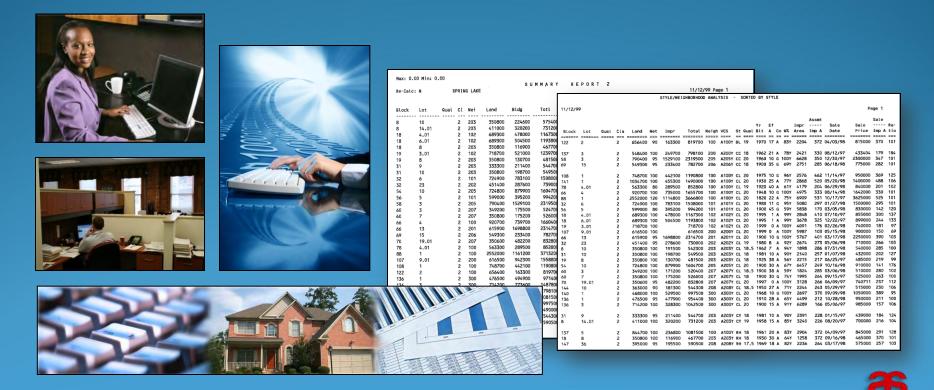




Market Analysis & Review cont....

•Reports are generated based upon information realized from the inspection of properties and the market sales analysis.

•Assists in applying all market value indicators into a uniform standard that produces equitable values.



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### Notification of Value



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APPRAISAL SYSTEMS, INC

GLEN ROCK OFFICE

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We are grateful for the cooperation you have shown while we were undertaking the task of ensuring that everyone is uniformly assessed.

THE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF YOUR PROPERTY IS:

This 2009 Revaluation has resulted in a change in your assessed valuation, as noted above. Do not apply the 2008 Rac rate to this over proposed assessed value. While the 2009 TAX RATE with LDTERASE we are studied of the revaluation, the increase or decrease of your property taxis cannot be computed antif the new tax rate is established in the spring of 2009.

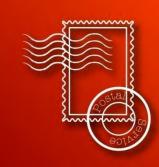
If you desire to meet with one of our representatives to discuss your new 2009 assessed valuation, with respect to the current market value of your property, please call E-880-994-1999 Moyday through Friday Traw in AM to 4 PM in order to schedule an individual meeting. Scheduling most be terrarged within ten days of the date of this later.

These one-on-one conferences are designed to continue the information galaxing process and may result in increased, decreased, on unclaused values depending upon the facts relevant to each individual case. Yo decision can be used to be used to be used on the second second and the second second

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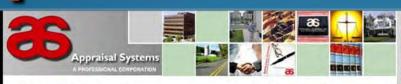
• Date of mailing depends on the project schedule.

•Mailings usually occur at the end of the year or early into the next year.

•Contains total assessment for property.

•Contains instructions for setting up a meeting to review assessment.

### Website



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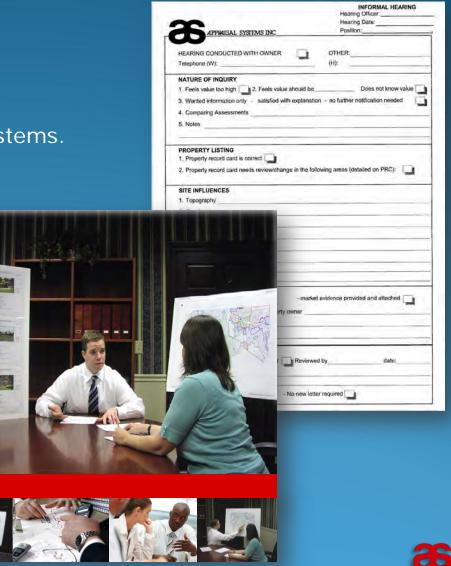
### Informal Hearings

•Opportunity to discuss your proposed assessment with a representative of Appraisal Systems.

•One-on-one meeting by appointment.

•Typically takes place in the municipal building.

•Meetings are held Monday-Saturday; Mornings, afternoons & evenings.



# Submit

### Transmit Final Values to Municipality & County

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### •Final values sent to Town and County

•All information (data collection forms, property record cards, photographs, neighborhood map, correspondence, database, etc....) is given to Town.

•Official notification of final value from Municipality (via postcard.)

PEAL INSTRUCTIONS: If you agree with the assessed value shown, no further action by you is required. If you disagree with the assessed value shown, an appeal may be filed with the County Board Taxation. Forms and instruction for filing an appeal may be obtained by contacting the Board Essex County Board of Taxation \$0 South Clinton Street \$000 Eleit Orange, NJ 07018

If the assessed value exceeds \$750,000, you have the option of filing your appeal directly with the Tax Court. Information for filing a complaint with the Tax Court may be obtained by ontacting the Tax Court of New Jersey at PO Box 972, Hughes Justice Complex, Trenton, New ersey 08625.

Assessment appeals must be filed on or before April 1 of the current tax year, or 45 days from the date mailed, as it appears on the front of this notice, whichever date is later.

ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS: Do not multiply last year's property tax rate by the current year's assessed value to determine taxes for the current year.

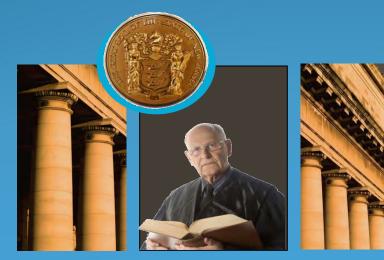


Tax Appeal

Defend

- •County appeal/State appeal.
- •Can not appeal comparing assessments.
- •Can not appeal taxes.
- •Must prove value by use of comparable sales
- Appeal deadline:

-May 1 (newly revalued municipalities) -April 1 (all others)



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### Commercial/Industrial Valuation

### •All commercial and industrial properties are valued using three approaches:

- a. Cost Approach
- b. Sales Comparison Approach
- c. Income Capitalization Approach

















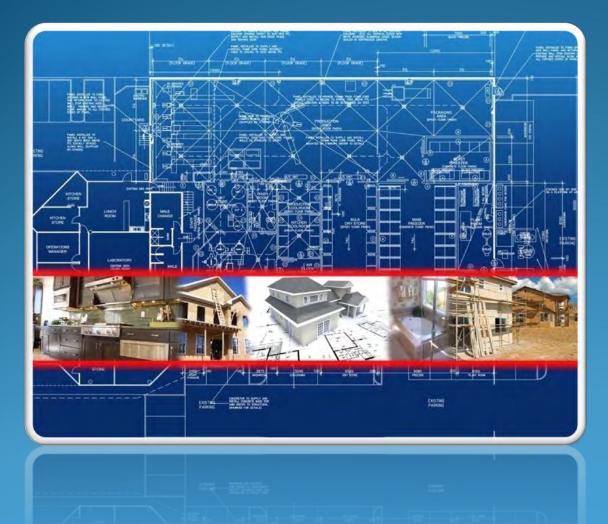
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•Property owners are notified via certified mail which contains a demand for income & expense information.

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### Properties Under Construction



•All properties will be valued as of their condition on October 1, of the pre-tax year.

•A property is considered to be taxable when it is "ready for its intended use."

•The assessor will revisit the property upon completion and subject it to the Added Assessment list.

Project updates and assessment information

(when completed) available on the Hopatcong page of our website



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