

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON

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Dear Property Owner:

The Bergen County Board of Taxation and the New Jersey Division of Taxation have directed the Township of Washington to undertake the Reassessment Program beginning with the tax year 2026 and continuing through 2030. This program will ensure uniform and equitable assessments throughout the municipality and account for the recent changes in the real estate market. The Township has contracted Appraisal Systems, Inc. to assist in conducting the Reassessment Program.

Following this initial assessment, 25% of the properties will be inspected each year. It is important to note that while only 25% of properties will be inspected each year, all properties in town will be reassessed to ensure current valuations are maintained. This process helps ensure that drastic changes in value are avoided.

The first step of the reassessment process is the inspection of all properties in the Township. In the coming months inspectors from Appraisal Systems, Inc. will visit all properties, measuring and photographing the exteriors of all buildings and inspecting the interiors. In order to properly assess your property, it will be necessary for a representative of Appraisal Systems, Inc. to examine the interior of your property. If an inspector is not given the opportunity to perform an interior inspection, interior information will be estimated. The first visit from an inspector will be between the hours of 9:00am and 5:00pm. If the homeowner is not present on the first visit, the inspector will proceed with the exterior inspection and leave a card specifying a return date to do the interior inspection. The notice will also have a telephone number to call to reschedule this appointment if the time or date is not convenient. Contactless interior inspections using a video conference will be available at the request of the property owner.

Appraisal Systems, Inc. recently conducted background checks consisting of social security numbers, criminal, and motor vehicle records on the field inspectors. The field inspectors will carry photo identification, and their names will be registered with the Police Department and the Township Clerk's office. Please do not allow anyone to enter your home without proper identification. You will be requested to sign the field form used by the representative to acknowledge when an interior inspection is made. Please advise the occupants of any rental units you may own so they are prepared for the inspection.

If your property has a unique condition that influences value, please send documentation to Appraisal Systems, Inc., 17-17 Route 208 North, Suite 210, Fair Lawn, NJ 07410, and it will be considered.

The new property values for 2026 will be determined based on their estimated market value as of October 1, 2025 (the statutory date required by law). All property owners will be notified by mail of their proposed assessed values and will have an opportunity to question/contest the values.

An online webinar explaining the Reassessment process will be conducted on January 16, 2025 at 6:30pm. All residents will have the opportunity to watch this presentation about the Reassessment process and ask questions live. Please visit www.asinj.com for the link to the webinar as the date gets closer. Click on "Current Revaluation Information" on the ASI homepage and follow the Township of Washington link.

Any inquiries with respect to the inspection and/or valuation procedure should be directed to Appraisal Systems, Inc. at (201) 493-8530. General information about the Reassessment process can be obtained from the ASI website at www.asinj.com.

Sincerely,

APPRAISAL SYSTEMS, INC.

President

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