Property Inspections Taking Place in Hampton

During the next several months, city real estate appraisers from the Office of the Assessor of Real Estate will conduct comprehensive neighborhood field reviews in various areas of the city. These reviews are in addition to reviews of specific property addresses with changes as a result of building permits and/or sales verifications.

Commercial properties throughout the City will be visited and additional residential neighborhoods may be added as the project continues.

About the Inspection Process

Property inspections are conducted by real estate appraisers Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Real estate appraisers drive city vehicles, display a City of Hampton photo ID card and carry city business cards. If property owners wish to verify a staff member’s identity, they may call 311 (757-727-8311) or the Office of the Assessor of Real Estate at 757-728-5182.

When a property inspection is necessary, appraisers will announce their arrival to the property by knocking at the door or ringing the door bell, and introducing themselves. They may confirm a variety of property details and characteristics, such as the number of bathrooms and bedrooms, and conduct an exterior inspection to include verifying measurements.

The appraiser may inquire about the building interior, and accept the owner’s offer to inspect the interior. In many instances, an interior inspection allows the appraiser to accurately record the interior condition. It also allows the appraiser to measure areas that can only be accurately measured from the interior. As an example, a finished heated and cooled utility room at the back of a garage. Property owners are not required to provide an interior inspection.

Appraisers will also be taking a digital image of the front elevation of homes if one is not already in the real estate database or if the house has been substantially altered since the current database image was taken.

If the property owners are not home, the appraisers will conduct the exterior inspection from the front only and leave a note if additional information is needed.

About the Office of the Assessor of Real Estate

The Office of the Assessor of Real Estate provides access to individual property information and general information about real estate assessments at www.hampton.gov/assessor. When reviewing individual property information, if an error is suspected, please call 311 or email assessorswebmail@hampton.gov.