



# ONLY PROPERTY OWNERS WITH CHANGES WILL RECEIVE REAL ESTATE ASSESSMENT NOTICES

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The City of Salem's Real Estate department has completed the 2012 General Reassessment of all real property located in the City of Salem. Reassessment notices will be mailed out on, Friday, January 13, but only for those properties that changed in value. Owners of property that did not change in value will not receive assessment notices this year.

The City of Salem reassesses property on an annual basis. The State Code of Virginia requires that the property values be based on 100 percent of fair market value. Citizens who feel that their proposed assessment is higher than 100 percent of market value or that the proposed assessment is not uniform or in line with similar properties in their area, will be able to meet with appraisers at the City of Salem Real Estate Offices.

Those appraisers will be available to discuss any concerns and answer questions from January 17 to February 6 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The Real Estate office is located on the main level of City Hall, 114 N. Broad St. in downtown Salem.

Pursuant to Section 58.1-3331 of the Code of Virginia, taxpayers appealing to the Board of Equalization are entitled to certain rights which include an opportunity to review and obtain copies of all assessment records pertaining to the assessor's determination of fair market value of your property. You may also request that the assessor make a physical examination of your property. Deadline to appeal to the Board of Equalization is February 27, 2012.

You can get more information about this process or download an appeal form by accessing the real estate section of the City of Salem website at [www.salemva.gov](http://www.salemva.gov). For additional information contact the Real Estate office at 540-375-3058.

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