June 3, 2020

2021 Property Assessment Procedure

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of changes to the Lyon County Assessor’s Office 2021 property assessment procedure.

*Minnesota Statute 273.08* requires the assessor to “view, and determine the market value of each tract or lot of real property listed for taxation, including the value of all improvements and structures thereon, at maximum intervals of five years.”

A letter will be sent to property owners in the quintile area with notification that staff appraisers will be conducting reviews in their neighborhood. Reviews will begin soon and will continue into the fall of 2020. When staff arrives at your property, the following steps will be taken:

1. A Lyon County Staff Appraiser will knock on your door and then take a few steps back. If you choose to answer, we will identify ourselves and the purpose of our visit. Each staff member will be wearing an ID badge and a vehicle from Lyon County will be present.
2. If the self-reporting assessment form has not been filled out prior to the physical inspection, we will verify your property characteristics at that time. No interior inspections will be performed this year, unless requested or deemed absolutely necessary. All inspections will follow Lyon County recommendations for COVID-19 regarding personal health and workplace protocol, supported by guidance from the CDC and MDH.
3. Once conversation has completed, if deemed necessary, our office will physically measure each building and take updated photos.

If no one answers the door, an exterior inspection will be performed and a yellow hanger will be left in a common location. If you find a hanger, we kindly ask you to contact our office to verify any other data pertinent to the re-assessment of your property.

If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact our office at (507) 537-6731.

Sincerely,

Lyon County Assessor Office