Reassessments

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Assessor

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Property reassessments

Market value/taxes	Property A	Property B	Property C	Total taxes collected by town
Market value 20 years ago (last reassessment)	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	
Taxes 20 years ago	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$6,000
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Current market value	\$300 <i>,</i> 000	\$200 <i>,</i> 000	\$100,000			
Current taxes	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$6,000		
After a Reassessment	\$3,000	\$2,000	\$1,000	\$6,000		

Reassessment and its effect on property taxes

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- If, your assessment increased by 12% and
- the average assessment increase was 15%, then
- your taxes will decrease (assuming your school and municipal budgets remain stable and the tax levies do not increase)

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The assessor doesn't impact the size of the pie; he or she just ensures the pie is cut up fairly - that taxes are fairly distributed based on current market values.



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