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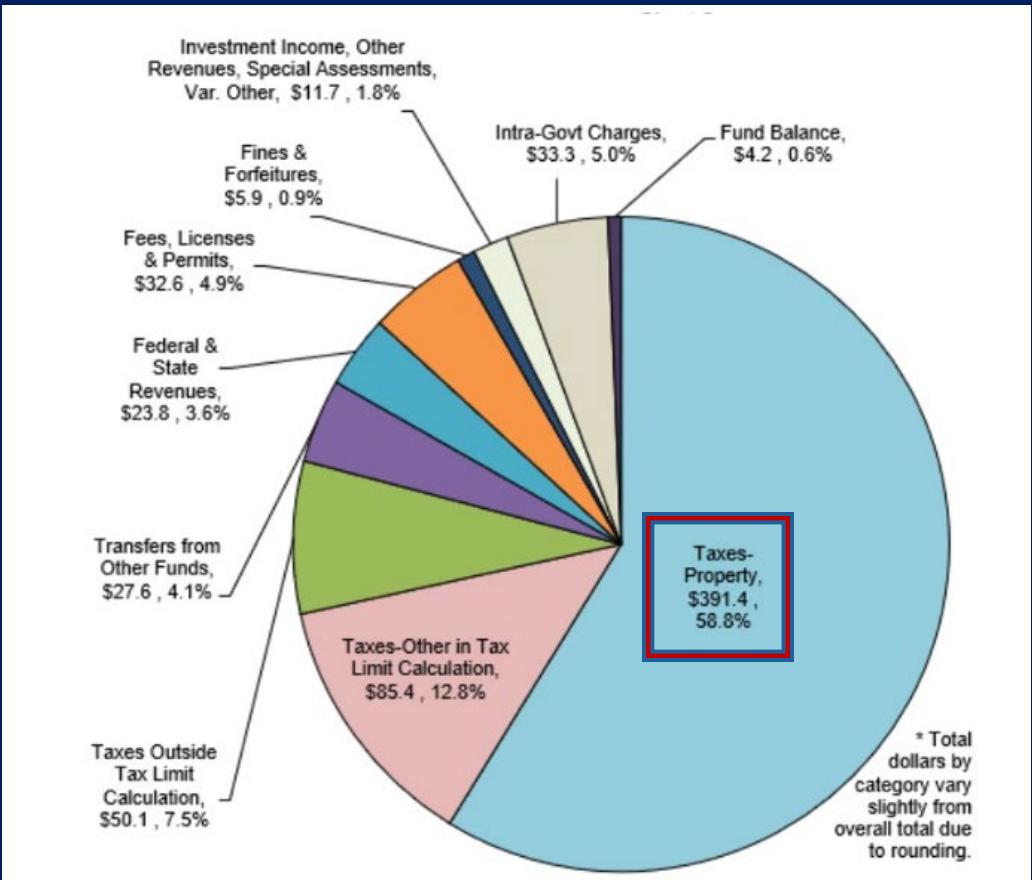
Worksession re Property Appraisals

City Hall Conference Room #155
632 West 6th Avenue Anchorage, AK
99501

- Re-introduction to Property Appraisal
- Topline of this year's valuation
- State Law changes
- Property appraisal mechanics
- Improvements made this year
- Re-assessments
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- Suggestions



Why Assess Property?



Real Property Taxes

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Mill Rates

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Taxable Assessed Value
(the value after exemptions)

Real Property Assessment Notice

MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE PROPERTY APPRAISAL DIVISION
632 W. 6th AVE. ROOM 300
P.O. BOX 196650
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA 99519-6650

PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

LOT SIZE

OFFICE HOURS
Mon – Fri 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

PHONE (907) 343-6500

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF REAL PROPERTY ASSESSED

LAND VALUE **IMPROVEMENT VALUE** **TOTAL VALUE**

APPEAL MUST BE FILED BY **02/28/2026** **ASSESSMENT YEAR** **2026**

IMPORTANT
PLEASE READ REVERSE SIDE

This notice of the assessed value as of January 1, 2026, for the property described on the face of this card. A description of property, including property ownership, is available for review at the Municipality of Anchorage website: www.mun.org. State law requires you to advise the Assessor of errors or omissions in the assessment or errors in the name or address on this notice. The Assessor may review the property's assessed value if you can provide that errors or omissions have been made. Contact the Property Appraisal Division or file a formal appeal. Property owners often resolve issues at this level of review without the need for a formal appeal. Alternatively, you may submit a formal appeal to the Board of Equalization (BOE). The BOE hearing date and time will be listed on the notice. The appeal must be filed by the date noted on the face of this card. 2) The appeal must be submitted in writing using the approved form. Appeal forms and instructions are available at the Property Appraisal Division in City Hall or at www.mun.org. 3) A filing fee is required for each appeal. The filing fee is \$10.00 for each appeal. You must file an appeal with the hearing by the BOE. OR if you have provided the data and access required by the Assessor and you appear at your hearing, the BOE will begin to hear appeals in March. Persons filing an appeal will be limited to one hearing per year.

The Municipal Assessor is scheduled to levy 2025 property taxes by May 1, 2026. The Municipal Treasury Division expects to mail your tax bill by no later than June 1. Payment of the first half of your taxes will be due on June 30, 2026. Payment of the second half of your taxes will be due on August 31, 2026. Property taxes become delinquent and are subject to penalty and interest. Payments are not made by these due dates.

YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR AN EXEMPTION (Senior Citizens, Disabled Veterans, Residential, Disaster Tax Relief, Nonprofit, etc.) Information is available at www.mun.org (907) 343-6770.

THIS IS NOT A TAX BILL

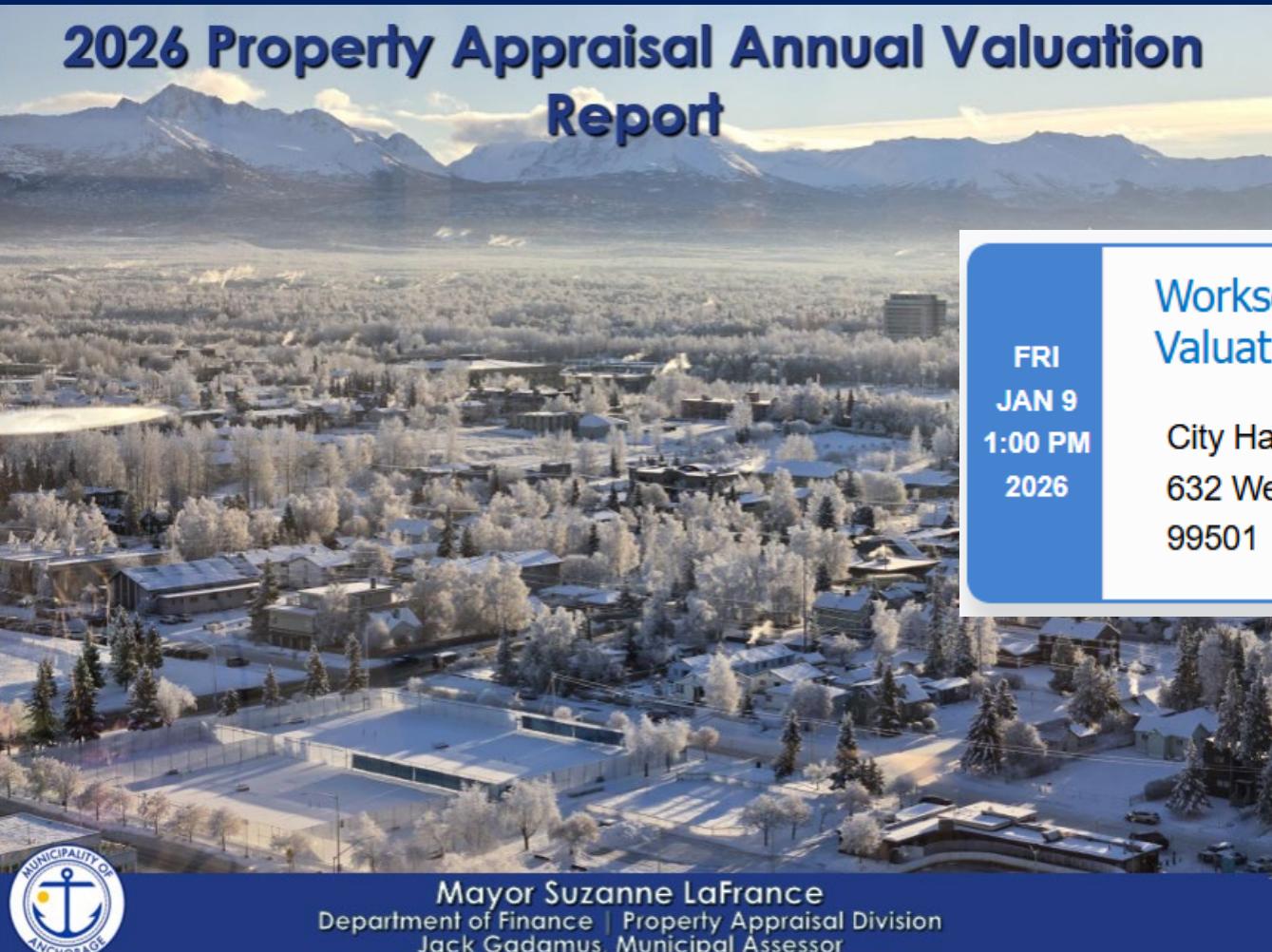


How Should Property Appraisal Work?

- Non-Political
- Conducted by Career Professionals
- Compliant with Law
- Using National Best Practices and Standards
- Transparent
- With a Process to Correct Errors



What Happened This Year?



2026 Property Appraisal Annual Valuation Report

FRI JAN 9 1:00 PM 2026

Worksession re 2026 Valuation Report

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99501**

Mayor Suzanne LaFrance
Department of Finance | Property Appraisal Division
Jack Gadamus, Municipal Assessor

MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

What Happened This Year?

Property Summary (Including New Construction)

Number of Properties / Accounts	Total Value		Taxable Value (billions)
	(billions)	Yr to Yr Change	
Residential	89,005	\$37.2	4.3%
Commercial	4,576	\$11.1	7.7%
Personal Property*	1,983	\$3.5	-0.6%
Exempt Property	4,810	\$8.0	0.4%
Total	100,374	\$59.8	4.3%

*Personal Property values are estimated for 2026



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6 min

By Amy Bushatz on Jan 21, 2026

Mat-Su home values rise 8% as borough prepares annual property notices

The annual assessments will be used to calculate tax rates this spring.

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH NEWS

What you need to know:

- Mat-Su property owners will likely see higher assessments this year, with single-family home values up 7.41% on average and a 15% blanket increase for land, part of a borough effort to align assessed values with actual market prices.



A series of new homes off Bogard Road near Palmer on Jan. 20, 2026. (Amy Bushatz/Mat-Su Sentinel)

- The 15% increase in land assessments is part of a six-year plan to address decades-old valuation discrepancies. Property owners who disagree with their assessment are encouraged to contact the borough to discuss the issue.

How does this year compare?

Are property values unusually up this year?

Overall, no. The average change was +4.3%. The majority of properties (58%) changed by less than 5%.

Approximately one-third of properties (32%) saw valuation decreases. But some properties did see large adjustments—10% of properties were adjusted by more than 10%.

Are large adjustments unusual?

The adjustments we're seeing this year aren't unprecedented. The chart below compares this year's changes (right) to last year's changes (left). The bell curve of changes this year is a little wider – but the percentage of properties (~9% to 10%) that received higher upward valuation changes (>=10%) is very similar.

Bin	Count of Properties		Count of Properties	
	Changing from Tax Year 2024 to 2025	2024 to 2025 As a Whole	Changing from Tax Year 2025 to 2026	2025 to 2026 As a Whole
<-30%	4,184	5%	4,032	5%
-30% to -10%	547	5%	3,387	8%
-10% to <0%	5,431	12%	20,857	32%
>=0% to 5%	22,518	37%	22,295	58%
>=5% to 10%	39,616	83%	17,865	78%
>=10% to 15%	7,613	91%	10,111	90%
>=15% to 20%	2,532	94%	4,788	95%
>=20% to 25%	1,755	96%	1,993	97%
>=25% to 30%	1,134	97%	941	98%
>=30% to 40%	1,169	99%	580	99%
>=40%	1,121	100%	771	100%
Total	87,620		87,620	



Is there an incentive to inflate assessments to increase property taxes?

No, and for at least three reasons.

First---and primarily---because property assessments are conducted by career professionals whose only aim is to assess “full and true value,” without regard to any outside considerations.

But even if that were not the case, **second**, increased property values, on their own, would not lead to increased taxes overall because the municipality has a “**tax cap**.” Because $[\text{Property taxes}] = [\text{Assessed Value}] * [\text{Mill Rate}]$, and the tax cap fixes the total amount of property taxes, increased property valuation, on its own, acts only to reduce mill rates, not increase taxes.

Third, as a result of the **state school-funding formula**, the state’s contribution to local schools actually decreases as property values increase—meaning that the amount of money available to fund general government can actually decrease as property values go up.



Where do assessments come from?

	Number of Properties / Accounts
Residential	89,005
Commercial	4,576
Personal Property*	1,983
Exempt Property	4,810
Total	100,374

Finance
Division Summary
FIN Property Appraisal
(Fund Center # 135100)

Position Total

39



= *mass appraisal*

CAMA=Computer-Aided Mass Appraisal



Property Tax Information

Property Search Treasury Home Property Appraisal Home Advanced Search Map Search

Property Search Selection
Only fill in ONE selection for property search

Parcel Number:

Owner Name:

Site Address #: Direction Street: Suffix

Options Sort by: Ascending Results/page:

Data Current as of January 28, 2026

Parcel ID Number
Parcel ID's are 11 digits not including dashes. You may search with or without the dashes.
Example: 009-034-57-000 or 00903457000

Owner
Last Name or Business name is required . First Name is optional.
Use a space only, no commas. Example: Smith or Smith James. A partial name may also be entered such as WAL which would return Walmart or Walker Bob.

Address

Address #	Street	Returns
123	Anywhere	all occurrences of "123 Anywhere " (St, Ave, Rd etc)
	Anywhere	all addresses on "Anywhere" or starting with "Anywhere"
	*Any	all addresses containing "Any"

(Use * as the wildcard character)

[About the data shown on this site](#)



<https://property.muni.org/search/commonsearch.aspx?mode=realprop>

How does a home get its value?

Anchorage uses the
“market-adjusted
cost approach”



Step 1: Start with Cost

*What would it cost to
replace your house?*



Info Maintained After Construction, Renovation or Inspection

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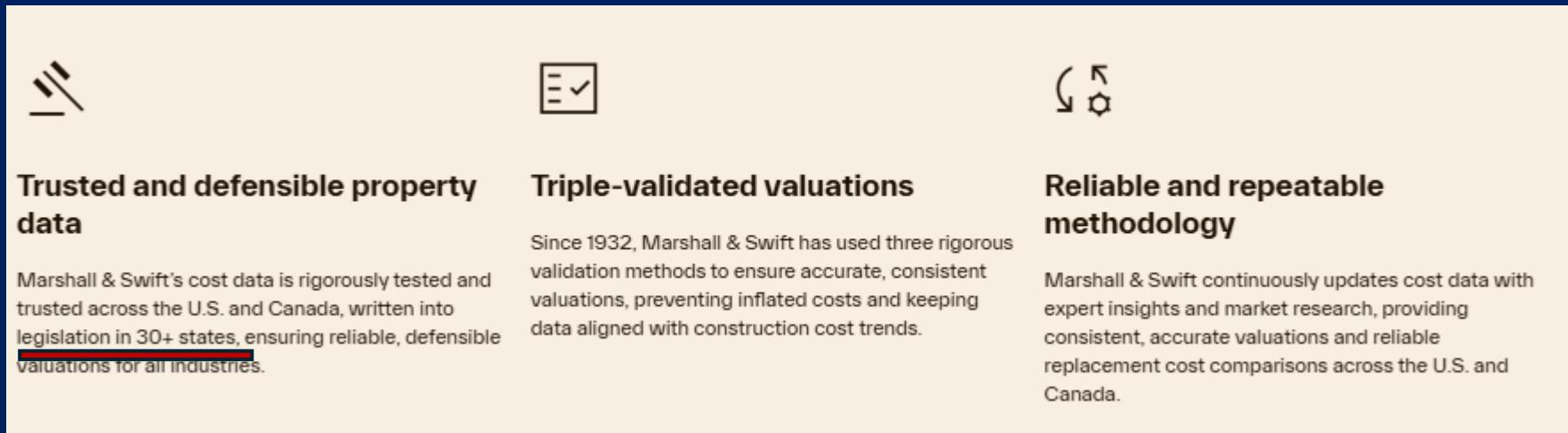
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Property Features are Assigned Costs...



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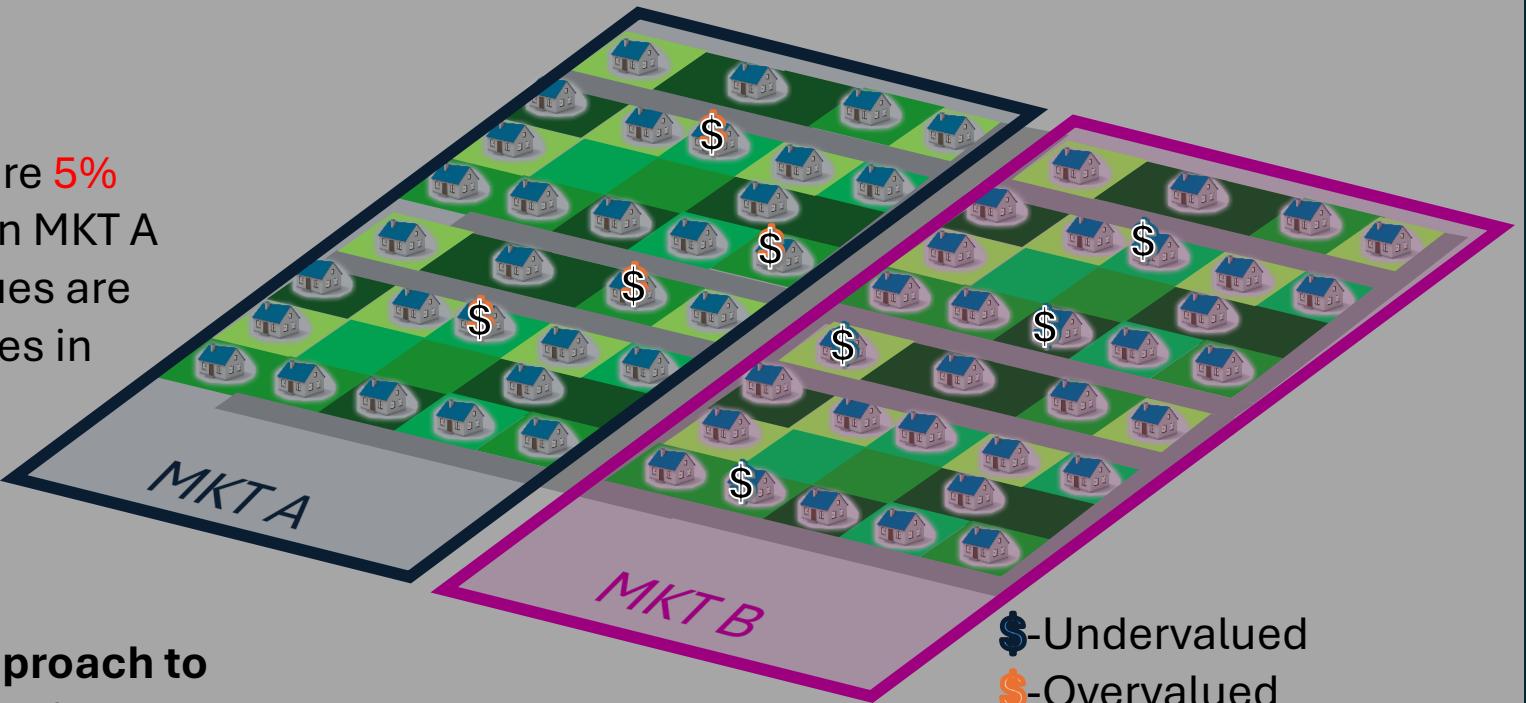
***Note:** The land value is determined outside of the Cost Approach process and is typically derived using the Sales Comparison Approach.



Step 2: Compare Computed Costs to Comparable Sales

Cost Approach:

- Market Area (MKT) A's assessed valuations are **5% higher** than the sales in MKT A
- MKT B's assessed values are **5% lower** than the sales in MKT B



Adjusting the Cost Approach to Reflect Market information

- Lower MKT A's values, "AV ratio": 0.95
- Raise MKT B's values, "AV ratio": 1.05

Market Adjusted Cost Approach:

- After adjustment, Both areas reflect market activity
- Does not single out properties that have sold
- Provides uniform assessments



Residential Data Used for Valuation

Number of Listings Tracked During 2025	1,270
Number of Sales Inquiries Sent to seller*	5,322
2025 Sales Disclosed to MOA	489
2024 Sales Disclosed to MOA	1,011
2023 Sales Disclosed to MOA	814
Average Assessed Value to Average Adjusted Sale Price	95%



*Alaska is a non-disclosure state. We also send a letter to the buyer.

IAAO Technical Standards

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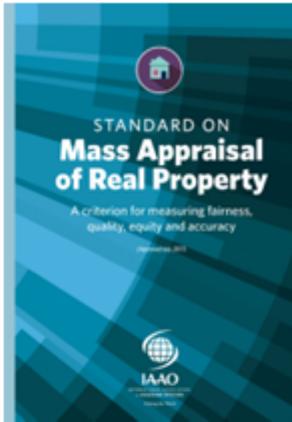
STANDARD ON MASS APPRAISAL OF REAL PROPERTY

This standard addresses mass appraisal procedures by which the fee simple interest in property can be appraised at market value, including mass appraisal application of the three traditional approaches to value (cost, sales comparison, and income). The standard covers the many facets of mass appraisal from data collection through application and testing of models to quality control and even physical resource considerations.

As addressed in this Standard, mass appraisal requires complete and accurate data, effective valuation models, and proper management of resources. Section 2 introduces mass appraisal. Section 3 focuses on the collection and maintenance of property data. Section 4 summarizes the primary considerations in valuation methods, including the role of the three approaches to value in the mass appraisal of various types of property. Section 5 addresses model testing and quality assurance. Section 6 discusses certain managerial considerations: staff levels, data processing support, contracting for reappraisals, benefit-cost issues, and space requirements. Section 7 discusses reference materials.

The Standard emphasizes the importance of obtaining complete and accurate property characteristics and market data, as well as CAMA systems that provide for storage and processing of relevant sales, cost, income, and expense data. Examples are provided of types of data to be collected and data collection accuracy standards are presented. There is considerable discussion of initiating updates based on new construction, new parcels, remodeling, demolition, and destruction. Building permits are stressed as importance to this process. In addition, the Standard discusses different ways to accomplish updates through field inspection involving physical review and inspections that employ technological solutions, such as digital imaging and aerial photography.

Applicability of different appraisal techniques to different types of property is also discussed, as is model testing, qualify assurance, and value defense. Managerial considerations, including staffing, space, and software and hardware, are also discussed.





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* **Sec. 12.** AS 29.45.110(a) is amended to read:

(a) The assessor shall assess property at its full and true value as of January 1 of the assessment year, except as provided in this section, AS 29.45.060, and 29.45.230. The full and true value is the estimated price that the property would bring in an open market and under the then prevailing market conditions in a sale between a willing seller and a willing buyer both conversant with the property and with prevailing general price levels. **The assessor shall determine the full and true value as provided in standards adopted by the department under (e) of this section or another set of standards provided by ordinance.**

* **Sec. 13.** AS 29.45.110 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(e) The department shall adopt standards for assessing the full and true value of property under (a) of this section that are **not inconsistent with standards adopted by the International Association of Assessing Officers** and update the standards when necessary.



What Changed?

- Updated Marshall & Swift Cost Data
 - Base inputs hadn't been updated in over a decade
- Eliminated "Excessive Stratification" in Market Areas



“Market Areas”

- Not “Neighborhoods” in the traditional sense, but geographic areas where Cost-to-Comparable Sales “AV Ratios” are statistically aligned
 - Sale data for “market adjustments” is drawn from the area
 - Old areas were small and could “lag” with very limited sale data
 - Market areas can change over time





Resident Market Areas App



Find address or place



This map opens showing Current Residential Market areas. Use the tools in the upper-right to see other layers.

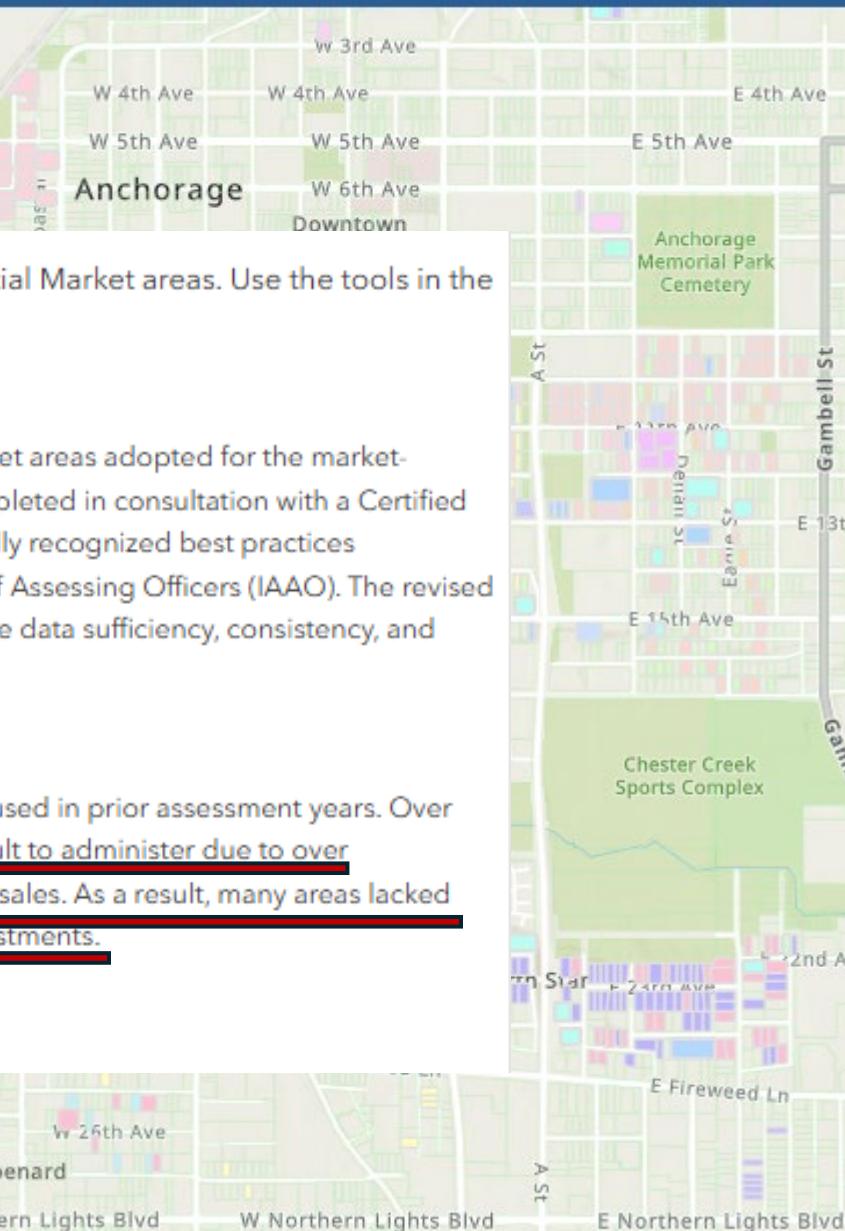
Current Residential Market Areas

This layer shows the updated residential market areas adopted for the market-adjusted cost approach. The update was completed in consultation with a Certified Assessment Evaluator and aligns with nationally recognized best practices established by the International Association of Assessing Officers (IAAO). The revised structure consolidates market areas to improve data sufficiency, consistency, and defensibility in property assessments.

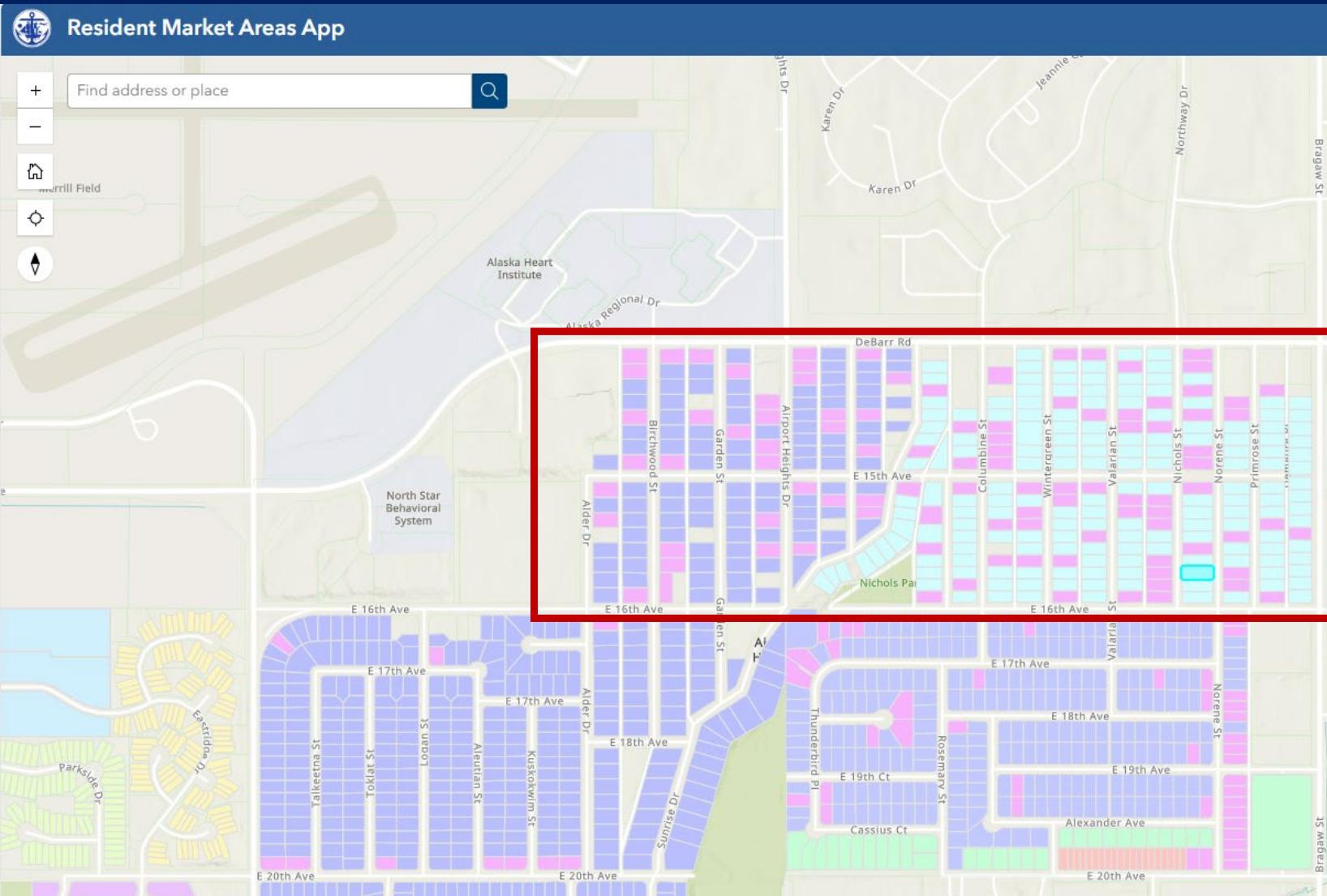
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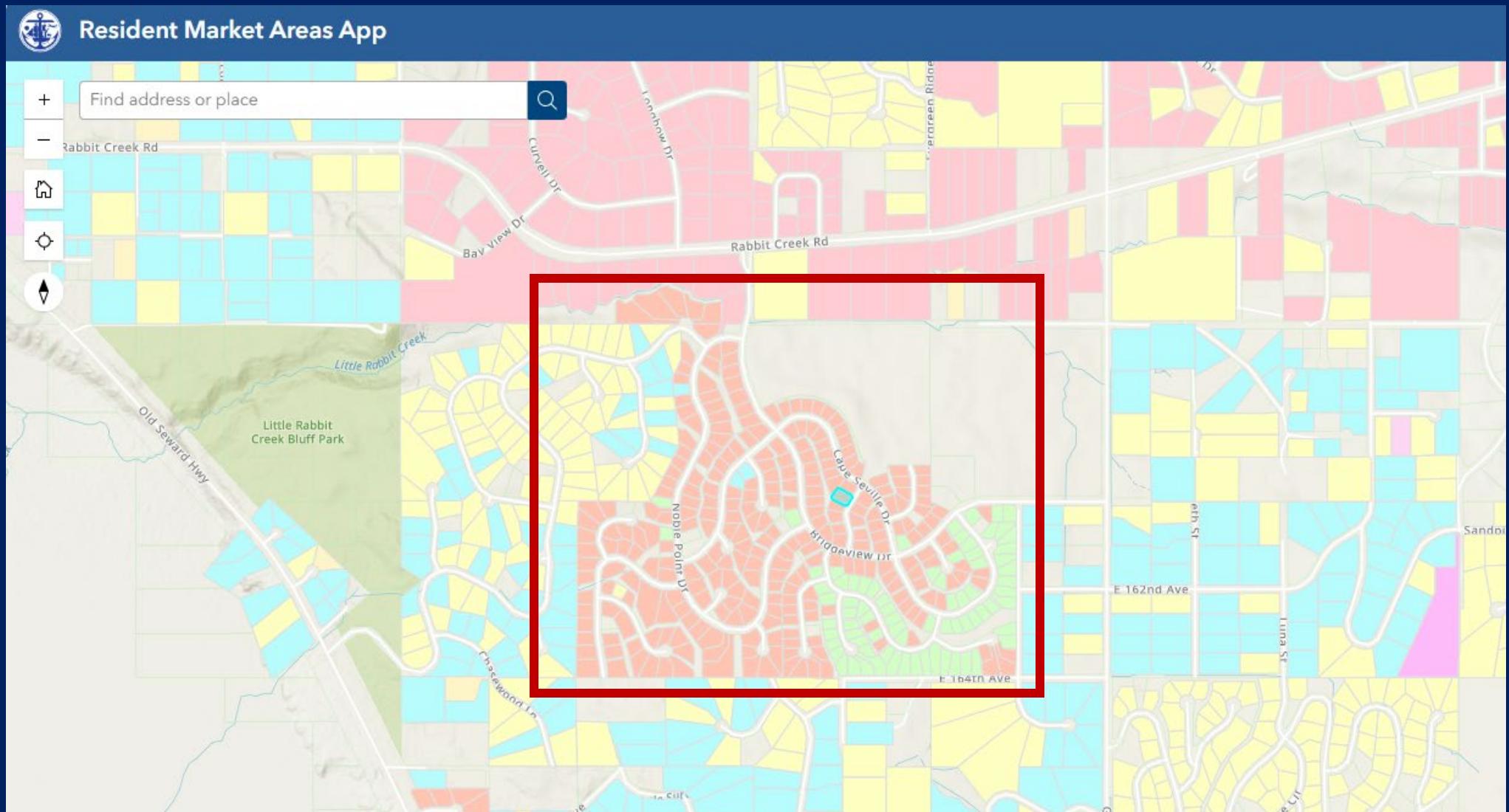
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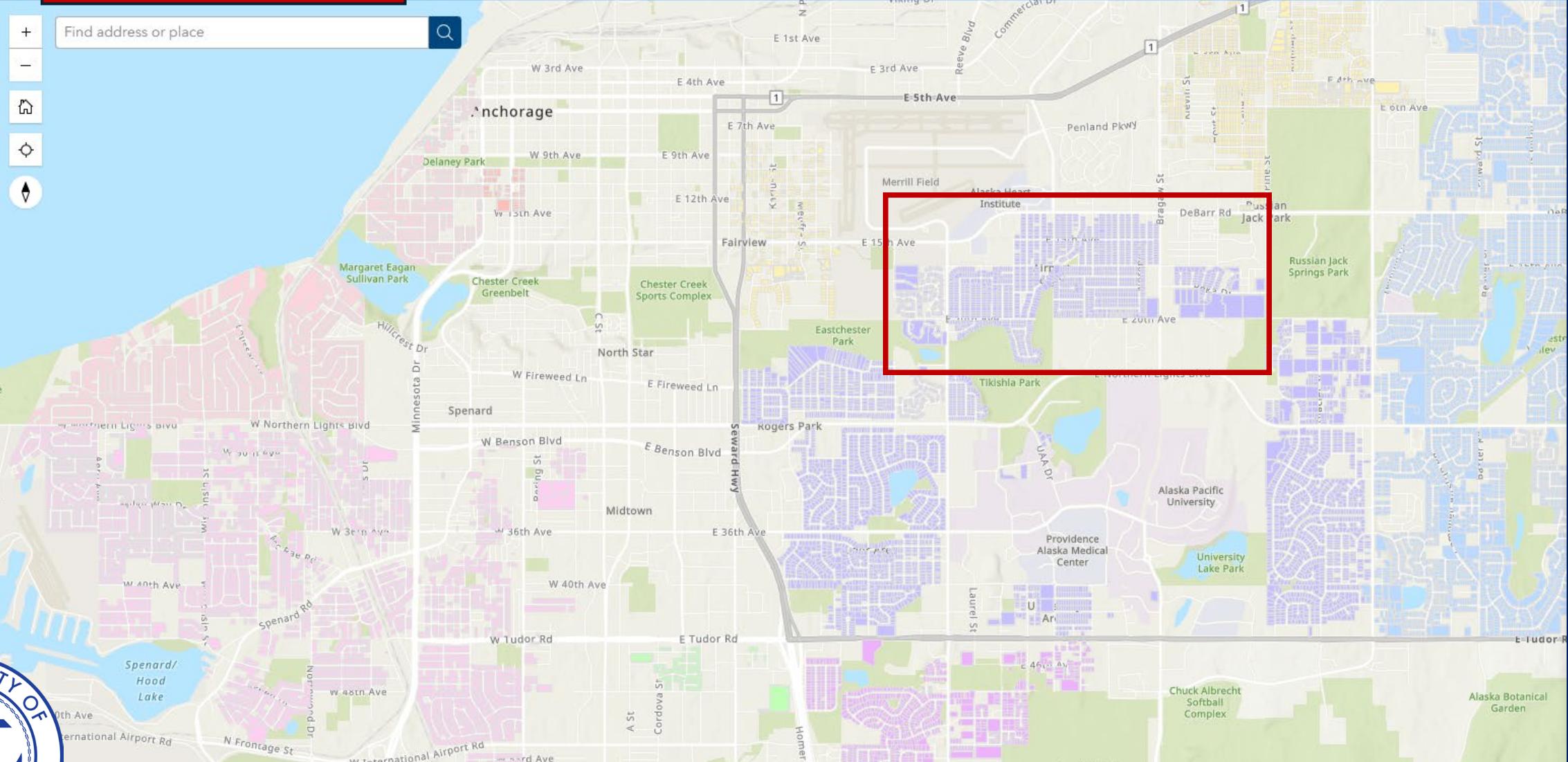


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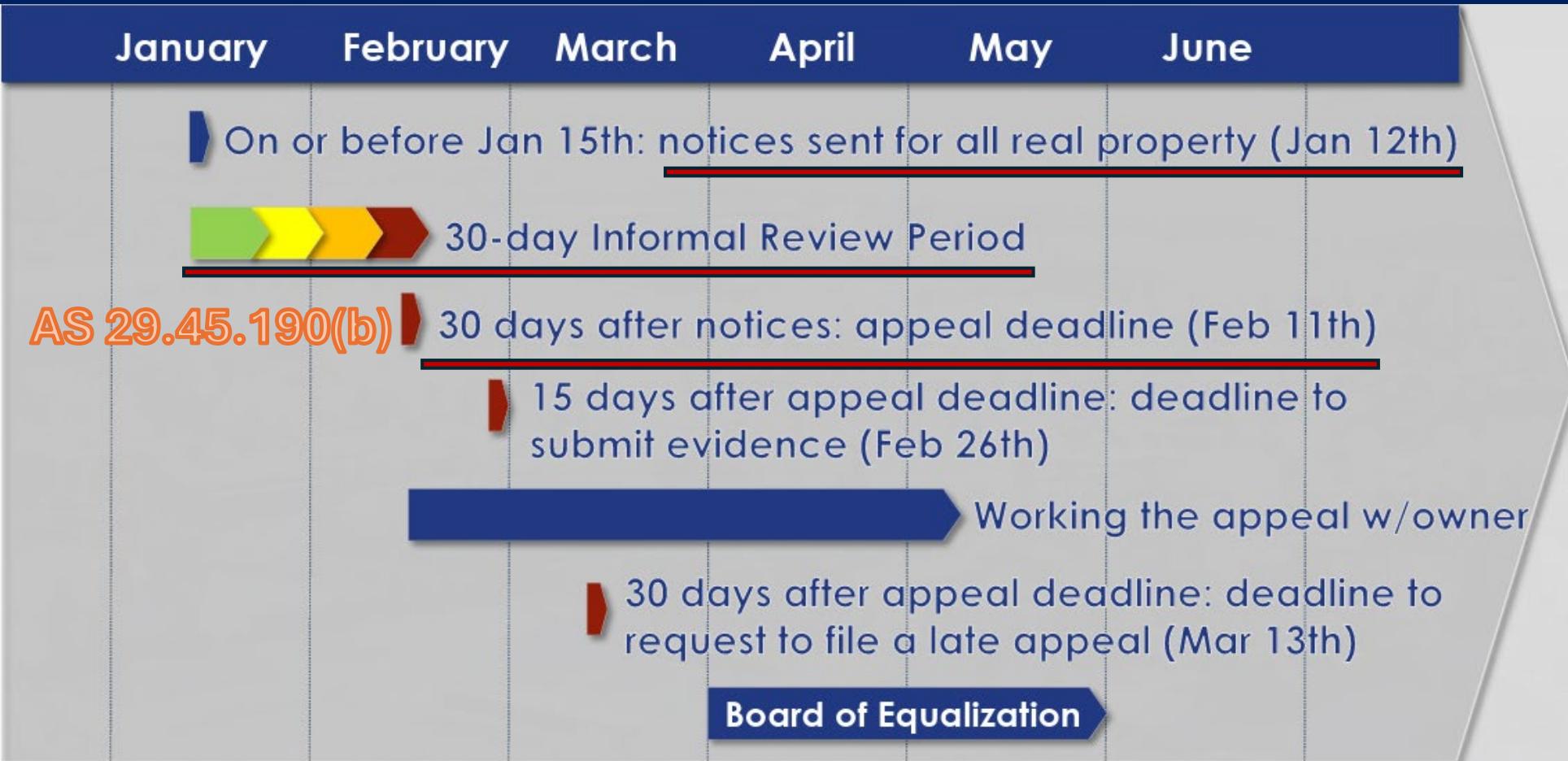




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Where are we now?



There is no cost associated with either informal review OR appeal

- Informal review is free
- The appeal is also free
 - There is “filing deposit” to ensure an appellant actually participates in the appeal
 - It is refunded regardless of outcome, as long as the property owner shows up, participates, and provides information:

12.05.055 - Appeals to board of equalization.



A. A person whose name appears on the assessment roll as the owner of record or the agent or assigns of that person may appeal to the board of equalization for relief from an alleged error in valuation.

B. No appeal may be taken unless the applicant files with the assessor written notice of appeal specifying grounds for such appeal within 30 days from the date the assessment notice was mailed. An appeal application must be complete and presented on the form prescribed by the board. No appeal application may be accepted unless a filing deposit of \$30.00 for a property whose assessed value is less than \$100,000.00, \$100.00 for property whose total assessed value is at least \$100,000.00 but less than \$500,000.00, \$200.00 for property whose total assessed value is at least \$500,000.00 and less than \$2,000,000.00, and \$1,000.00 for property whose total value is \$2,000,000.00 or greater, is received by the assessor at the time of filing. The filing deposit shall be refunded regardless of outcome if the appeal is resolved prior to hearing, or if the appellant or the appellant's agent appears before the board of equalization at the time and place scheduled for the hearing, and actively participates in the proceeding after providing required data and access by the assessor's office. If the appeal is not resolved prior to hearing and the appellant or the appellant's agent fails to appear and actively participate in the proceeding, the deposit shall be forfeited. The assessor shall assign a case number to the appeal within one week of filing and payment of the filing deposit.



Pre-Deposit (2003)→90% No Shows & Delay

Meeting Date: November 18, 2003

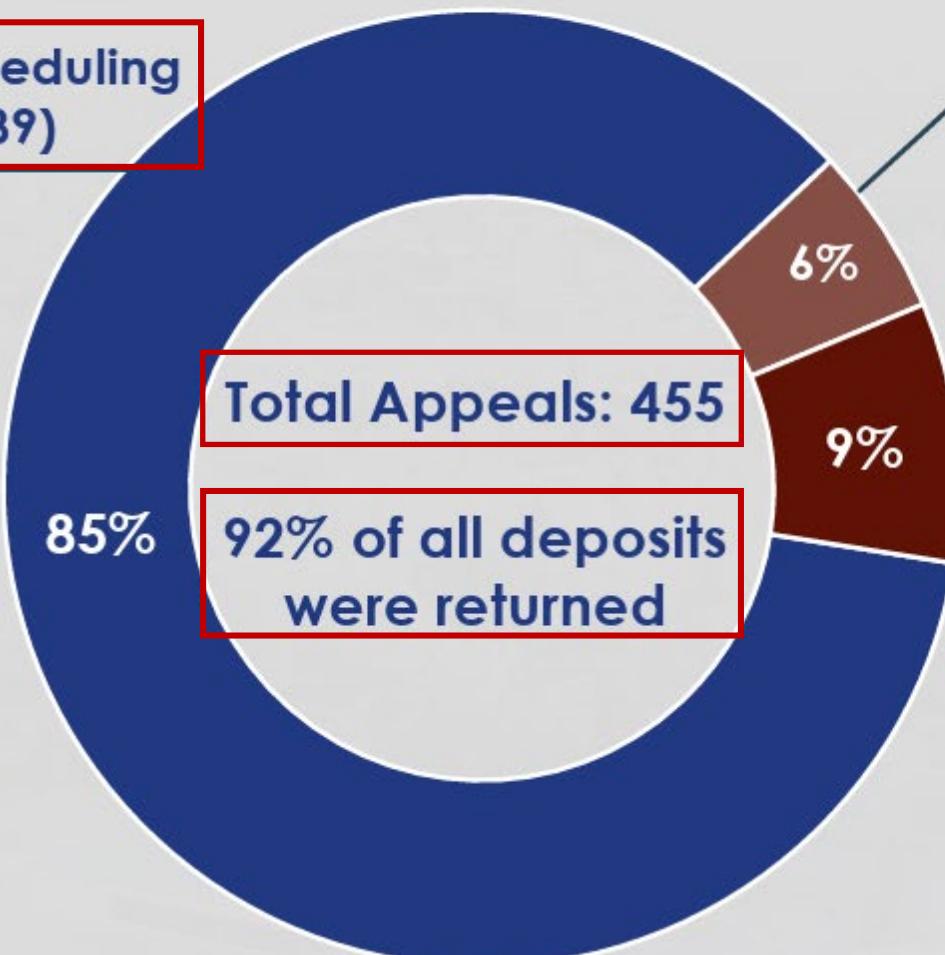
27 Approximately half of the appeals are closed administratively and half of the appeals
28 are closed by action of the board. The result of this work to date is that the total value
29 appealed was reduced by five percent. The Assessors Office is responsible for
30 approximately 99% of the value revision. The Board of Equalization is responsible for
31 less than one percent of the value revision. Appeal hearings are poorly attended. More
32 than 90% of the appellants scheduled for hearing make no appearance before the
33 board.

23 The appeal process is intended to be a safety valve to prevent abusive, illegal, and
24 improper assessment practices. It is not intended to be the forum for taxpayers to
25 protest the fact that they have to pay a tax or that property tax is unfair relative to other
26 forms of taxation. These types of protests account for a large share of the current
27 municipal assessment effort under the current appeal process.

13 The property assessment appeal process must change to accommodate a decision of
14 the Alaska court. A recent Superior Court decision indicates that the appeal process
15 should be substantially completed by June 1 of the assessment year. A process which
16 has become a year round activity must now be accomplished in a four month period of
17 time. This can be accomplished by changes to the administrative process of handling
18 appeals, the requirement of timely production of relevant information, and to the
19 composition and structure of the appeal board. Many of the changes included in the
20 accompanying ordinance bring municipal code into alignment with decisions from
21 Alaskan courts.



Appeals: What Happened in 2025?



Settled without scheduling a BOE* hearing, (389)

- Agreed-upon value
- 85% (331) had a reduced value
- All 389 appeal deposits were returned

Heard by BOE*, owner failed to appear at the hearing, (26)

- Owners did not receive their appeal deposit back
- 19 unique owners failed to show
- For 2026, we will do an automated courtesy call as a reminder of their hearing

Heard by BOE*, the owner was present at hearing (40)

- 56% had a reduced value prior to the BOE hearing
- 88% of the recommended values were upheld by the BOE



Re-Assessments

- Property Appraisal proactively reviewed groups of properties that experienced notable increases for the tax year. This review identified four neighborhoods – Goldenview Park, Sahalee, Lookout Landing, and Leary Bay – where some groups of properties warrant the issuance of revised valuation notices. About 660 homes will receive new, lower, assessments because of this proactive review. This is less than 1% of the total assessed properties in Anchorage.
- On average, the homes receiving revised assessments saw an original increase of about 16%. They are now being lowered to an average of about 5% - right around the municipality wide average of 4.3%
- The revised valuation notices are being issued because the assessor's office determined that affected properties had historically been assigned a quality-of-construction grade that was too high. The issue was masked in prior years because the parcels were grouped into market areas that likely reduced final valuations. The Assessor's Office made improvements to the market-area framework this year, causing the quality-of-construction grade issue to surface.



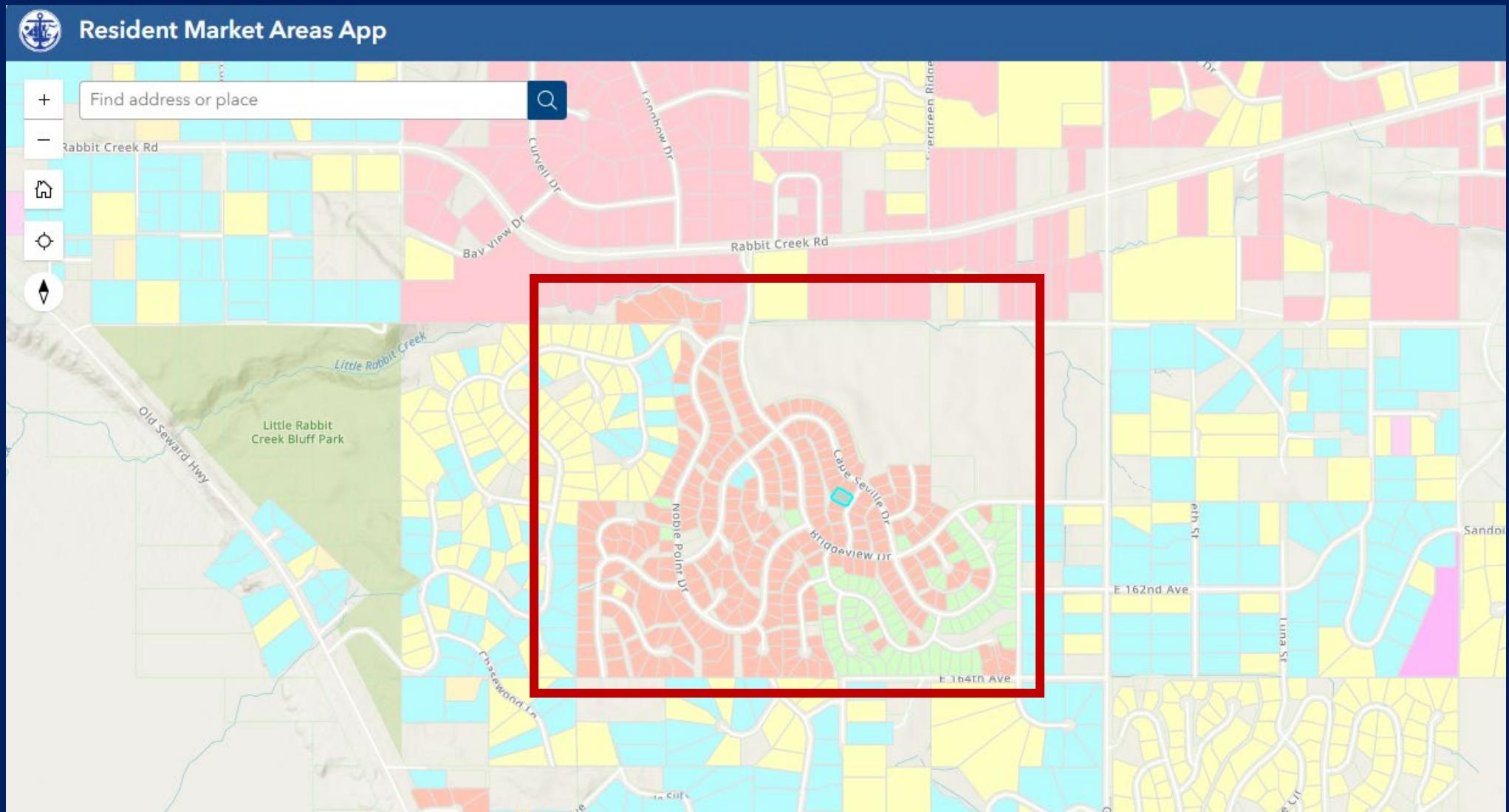
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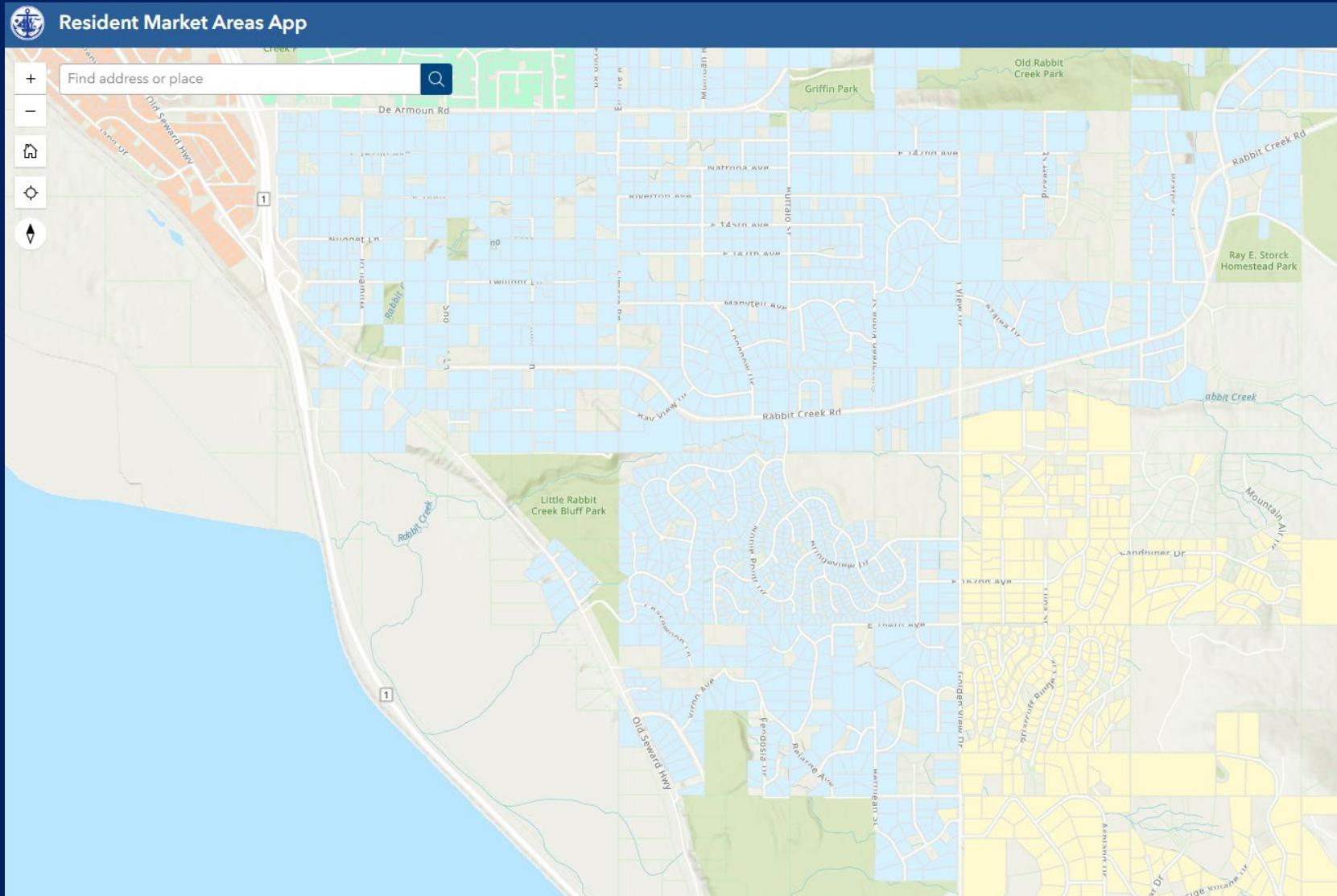
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Some areas were limited to single subdivisions



Appropriate stratification surfaced decades-old grade error



Re-Assessments

- Property Appraisal proactively reviewed groups of properties that experienced notable increases for the tax year. This review identified four neighborhoods – Goldenview Park, Sahalee, Lookout Landing, and Leary Bay – where some groups of properties warrant the issuance of revised valuation notices. About 660 homes will receive new, lower, assessments because of this proactive review. This is less than 1% of the total assessed properties in Anchorage.
- On average, the homes receiving revised assessments saw an original increase of about 16%. They are now being lowered to an average of about 5% - right around the municipality wide average of 4.3%
- The revised valuation notices are being issued because the assessor's office determined that affected properties had historically been assigned a quality-of-construction grade that was too high. The issue was masked in prior years because the parcels were grouped into market areas that likely reduced final valuations. The Assessor's Office made improvements to the market-area framework this year, causing the quality-of-construction grade issue to surface.
- Re-assessment notices will be mailed on Monday, Feb. 2. Property owners have 30 days from the date of mailing to file an appeal. Property owners who have already submitted an appeal do not need to re-file.





LAID-ON-THE-TABLE

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For reading: January 27, 2026

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA **AR No. 2026-**

1 **A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY REGARDING THE 2026**
2 **ASSESSMENT NOTICES SENT TO ALL OWNERS OF TAXABLE REAL**
3 **PROPERTY AND DIRECTING THE MUNICIPAL ASSESSOR TO UNDERTAKE A**
4 **SYSTEMATIC REEVALUATION OF CERTAIN CATEGORIES OF REAL**
5 **PROPERTY, INCLUDING THOSE WITH AN UNUSUALLY LARGE INCREASE**
6 **OVER THE PRIOR YEAR'S ASSESSED VALUE.**
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Section 1. Pursuant to AS 29.45.150, the Municipal Assessor is directed to undertake a systematic reevaluation of the below described class of taxable real property in due haste and the shortest period of time practicable. The Assessor shall issue a reassessment notice if a property's valuation is decreased. The Assessor shall not increase any original assessment under the directive of this Resolution. Persons receiving a corrected assessment as a result of this review and reevaluation shall have all rights provided by Title 12 of the Anchorage Municipal Code and under AMC section 12.05.060C. The class(es) of taxable real property to be reevaluated are:

A. All real property that had a 2026 valuation that increased more than eight percent (8%) over the prior year's assessed valuation.

- “Systemic reevaluation” is not defined in law and the statewide assessor’s community is not aware of this provision being used:
 - But property whose value changed by >8% is not a “class” as the term is used in property assessment, and
 - If it is intended to mean the corrections that were made in 2025, that work is complete;
 - If it is intended to be the pattern-detection that is presenting happening , that work is already happening and not limited to properties >8%;
 - If it is intended to *something else*, that should be made clear – and we do not want to preclude the division from working through the informal-review queue



Section 2. That there shall be a presumption of error in assessment for 2026 in the following circumstances:

- A. The 2026 Assessed Value is more than a 25% increase over the prior year's valuation; **or**
- B. The property did not have any new construction or improvements commenced or completed in 2025, and historical assessment values looking back ten years show a trend of changing valuation and do not indicate a history of undervaluation; **or**
- C. The comparable properties used in the original assessment include a property of a different type than the subject property.

- How would the “presumption of error” operate?
 - Would the process to rebut the presumption or affirm the valuation differ in anyway from the current process?
- Subsection B seems to apply to the vast majority of properties in the Anchorage



Informal Review

- Through last week, call volumes were higher than average, but not record-setting (call volumes through Jan. 25 were higher at Jan. 25 in 2010, 2011, 2012, 2019, and 2022)—and likely included calls from many owners of the 660 properties that are being re-assessed
- After press about the re-assessments, we received many calls about the scope the reassessments and the total volume of calls doubled
- The Division aims to get back to callers in two business days, but is now behind
 - Staff is working overtime and through the weekend
- Historically, in the final week leading up to the state-defined appeal deadline, the division begins advising callers to file an appeal, to preserve the property owner's rights—it is unlikely that a phone call first made on Feb. 10 will result in a resolution before Feb. 11



A Customer-Service Idea

- State law (AS 29.45.190) provides that owners can be given an extension to appeal if “the board of equalization finds that the taxpayer was unable to comply” with the 30-day deadline
- Given the unusual call stack, the Assembly could in 2026 enact an ordinance to provide that good cause to file a late appeal exists:
“if property owner calls the division hotline prior to February 11, but does not receive a return call from the Division prior to the appeal deadline” (or some such)
- A similar change to AMC 12.05.055 was made to accommodate late appeals after the 2018 earthquake.



D. A property owner who seeks to appeal the assessor's valuation after the 30-day filing period has closed shall file a letter with the assessor within 30 days from the date of the close of the applicable appeal period of that tax year stating the reasons why the property owner was unable to appeal within the 30-day period. A panel of the board shall consider each letter. The panel shall only consider reasons the appellant was unable to comply within the 30-day period and shall not consider evidence regarding property valuation. The panel's determination shall be based on the letter and supporting documents. A taxpayer may not make an oral presentation at this hearing. The panel shall interpret the term "unable to comply" as meaning that a property owner must demonstrate compelling reasons or circumstances which would prevent a reasonable person under the circumstances from filing an appeal. Inability to timely produce documentation of damage to real property improvements resulting from the 2018 November Cook Inlet Earthquake shall be presumed to be such a compelling reason or circumstance. If the request is granted, the property owner shall have 30 days from the date of notification by the assessor to file an appeal and submit all evidence required by AMC 12.05.053C.5 and C.7. If the request is denied, the assessor shall notify the property owner of the board's decision.





Thank You

Appeal Deadline: February 11th
Property Appraisal Website: www.muni.org/pa
Search Properties: www.muni.org/pw
Appeal Hotline: (907) 343-6500

