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2027 Reappraisal Project – Property Inspections Underway

The Ames City Assessor's Office is conducting a citywide reappraisal to ensure fair and accurate property assessments. This multi-year project began in 2024 and includes **on-site inspections of all residential properties** within Ames city limits. The project is scheduled to continue through 2027.

If you are receiving this letter, you can expect our appraisers to begin work in your neighborhood within the next month.

What to Expect

- Appraisers will visit each property to **measure exteriors** (homes, decks, garages, etc.) and **take updated exterior photos**
- **Brief interior inspections** may be conducted with permission
- Visits typically occur during **weekdays**
- If no one is home, a second visit will be scheduled and a door tag will be provided

All appraisers carry **City of Ames photo IDs**. Visit our website for staff photos, project updates, and current property information. A map of current progress can be found at: <https://arcg.is/1Lu4qL1>

Why It Matters

Accurate property data ensures:

- **Fair market value assessments**
- **Equitable property taxes**
- Reliable information for **insurance, loans, estate planning**, and more

Interior inspections help verify property condition and may result in a **higher or lower valuation**, depending on current records and market trends.

Rental Properties

Owners: Please inform your tenants about the upcoming visit and whether interior access is permitted.

Questions?

We welcome your input! You can contact our office by phone (515-239-5370) or email (cityassessorinfo@cityofames.org). Additional information is available on our website: <https://www.cityofames.org/My-Government/Departments/City-Assessor>

Thank you for your cooperation in maintaining fair and equitable assessments for all Ames residents.

Sincerely,
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Ames City Assessor