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NEW KENT COUNTY ASSESSORS WORKING HARD TO ENSURE 2010 ASSESSMENT ACCURACY

NEW KENT VIRGINIA, FEBRUARY 26, 2009: A three-member full-time team from the New Kent County Commissioner of the Revenue's office has already begun working on the County's 2010 assessment.

Assessors Shannon McLaughlin, Sara Murphy and Devin Caldwell have already hit the road, beginning field inspections of New Kent homes and properties. Inspections include measuring and collecting information on all structures and other improvements and taking a digital photograph of each property. Calling cards, in the form of door hangers, will be left for property owners who are not present when the property is inspected. These door hangers, blue for properties north of Interstate 64 and pink for properties south of Interstate 64, will include

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space for property owners to provide complete information on their property. To ensure accuracy in reporting of your property, these cards should be filled out completely and mailed back to the Commissioner of the Revenue's Office.

Assessors will be inspecting properties during 2009, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. They will wear County identification badges and will drive vehicles with the County seal on the side. Assessors are permitted on your property by State law and ask that you control your pets while they are collecting information.

Reassessments are required by State Code, Title 58.1, Taxation. The purpose of reassessment is to equalize the assessments and value properties at 100 percent of market value as well as to base those properties on like sales, cost and income data from New Kent County.

In January 2009, the Board of Supervisors adopted an ordinance moving away from an assessment every four years to every two years. Bi-annual assessments will allow the County to maximize state funding received as well as provide an opportunity to update the New Kent's land records more often so that they better reflect true market value.

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If you have any questions about the 2010 assessment, please contact the Tax Assessment Division of the Commissioner of the Revenue's Office at 966-9609.

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