



City of Philadelphia

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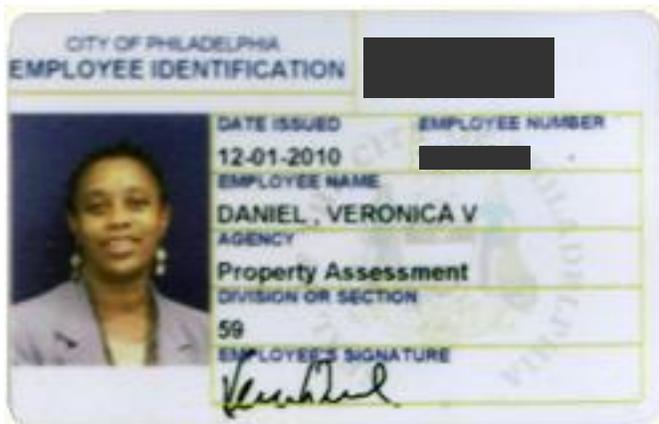
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Residential Property Field Inspections FAQ

Who do you represent?

I am a professional evaluator on behalf of the City of Philadelphia’s Office of Property Assessment (formerly known as the Board of Revision of Taxes).

You can ask to see my City-issued ID. Here is a sample ID picture:



What is the purpose of your visit?

I am here to assess the actual value of your home. I would like to ask you a few questions about your home in order to fairly estimate the value of this property. Without this information, the Office of Property Assessment will establish its own estimates of value based on data in our files. I may request to enter your home in order to fairly estimate the value of the property. However, you can say no to my request. I may also request to take measurements of the outside of the home. In the near future you may notice someone taking a picture of the outside of the home for property assessment purposes. You may also receive a follow up visit from an assessment consulting firm to measure and further assess the value of the home on behalf of the Office of Property Assessment.

Why are you doing this?

Current property assessment values are too often inaccurate and difficult to understand. In order to create accurate and easier to understand assessments, the Office of Property Assessment is conducting a

reassessment. Your home has not been singled out for assessment. The Office of Property Assessment will be assessing the value of all property in Philadelphia over the course of the next year, including residential and commercial properties. This is necessary to ensure that property assessment values are being imposed fairly and equitably. Going forward, the City intends to assess all real property in Philadelphia through this same process on an annual basis. Field inspections of all real property, including your property, are part of this reassessment process.

What types of questions should I expect?

- How many bedrooms are in the property?
- How many bathrooms are in the property and where are they located?
- Have you done any remodeling/renovations to your home?
- Do you have central air conditioning in your home?
- Do you have a basement and is it finished?
- Is there any major damage to the interior of your home?
- What would you say is the overall condition of the interior your home?

What types of questions WILL NOT be asked?

- Personal information
- Immigration status
- Mortgage/loan default status
- Your social security number
- Credit card information

Who can I call to learn more?

Customer Call Center at (215) 686-4334

Your assistance will enable us to better perform this reassessment program.
However, you are not required to answer any questions.