## Assessor's Office response to request from Common Council for information on the services and resources provided to the 53206 zip code area

The services and resources provided to the 53206 zip code area are the same as those provided to all zip codes within the city. The Milwaukee Assessor's office does not single out and treat certain zip codes differently that any of the other zip codes.

A requirement followed by the Milwaukee assessor's office is Article VIII Section 1 of the Wisconsin Constitution; the section mandates uniform taxation. Therefore, we provide the same services and resources to all property owners.

## For 53206 the Assessor's office provides

1) Property ownership tracking

2) Property inspections in order to review:

- \* building, plumbing, electrical, etc. permits,
- \* sales of properties,
- \* alterations to structures,
- \* new construction,
- \* property tax exemption requests,
- \* requests by property owners for the review of assessed values
- 3) Valuation of properties for assessment purposes including annual revaluations
- 4) Analysis of valuations trends and property specific valuations as a result of objections
- 5) Knowledgeable speakers to speak at public meetings to discuss:
  - \* the assessment process
  - \* valuation trends within neighborhoods
  - \* results of annual reassessments

6) Property Appraisers who specialize in the valuation of specific neighborhoods within the zip code area

7) Web site to provide general information about the office, helpful information about the appeals process, reports of activities and annual revaluations, assessed values of properties, property tax exemption information and Wisconsin assessment law information

8) Property assessment related forms (to be used by property owners)

9) Local staff to answer ownership and valuation questions

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