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New Construction inspections going on now!

During spring and summer time, appraisers from the office are tasked with inspecting any new construction that is currently taking place or has been completed since July 31st of the previous year ([RCW 36.21.070](#)) & ([RCW 36.21.080](#)). What exactly is new construction you ask? Any construction or building on a previously unimproved parcel that may impact its value. Also, if you have been remodeling or significantly improving the existing structures of your property could also be considered New Construction. Why must these improvements be inspected? Improvements to your property will impact the value of the property and the Assessor must take this into consideration when determining values. This data helps to ensure that future property taxes are being distributed equitably amongst the tax base.

As of May 2024, appraisers from the Assessor's Office will be driving county issued Ford Mavericks and no longer using their personal vehicles. These new vehicles will be similar to other county vehicles you are used to seeing.

As a reminder, Assessor Office appraisers will have identifying characteristics, either highly visible vests or jackets, county issued identification, business cards and a variety of tools from measuring tapes, to tablets or paperwork with them. If an appraiser from the office comes to your door, it is because they are attempting to validate the data they have on record. They may need to walk around the property to confirm the information. It is not a standard practice for staff to need or want to come into your home. Please ask them any questions you may have.

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