



TAX VALUATION APPEAL SOLICITATIONS

Columbiana County Auditor Nancy Milliken is warning property owners to beware of companies offering to assist with tax valuation appeals.

Tax Compliance Services, has mailed letters to area residents indicating that they have found "significant mistakes" on the tax records which are increasing owners' tax bill. "We have reviewed a number of these solicitations and it is clear that this company is simply sending a form letter with a few pieces of information about a particular parcel, so that it looks like an in-depth analysis has been done. In actuality, we have found errors in some of the data supplied by this company in their letters", said Milliken.

Milliken continued, "in addition to using erroneous information, this company is not taking into account other important factors regarding tax valuation." She continued, "we are especially concerned that this company is misleading county residents by promising a '100% guaranteed reduction'. Promises of risk-free filings are extremely misleading. Each case is considered on its merits and the BOR can increase a value."

Any property owner who thinks their property is not properly valued may contest that value free of charge by filling out a simple form and turning it into the Auditor's Office before April 1. For more information on this process, feel free to contact the Auditor's Office.

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