

Public Act 660 of 2018, Property Assessing Reform Published Policy

Public Act 660 of 2018, approved by Governor Snyder on December 28, 2018, amended the General Property Tax Act to provide statutory framework to ensure the highest quality of assessment administration for taxpayers via local units. The Act defines the requirements for substantial compliance of the General Property Tax Act, provides audit timelines, and details a process for bringing a local unit into compliance. PA 660 requires local unit compliance of (MCL 211.10g (1)). Local units are required to ensure that all requirements are being met as of the 2022 tax year. Subject to State Tax Commission guidelines the local unit is required to publish a policy under which its assessor's office is reasonably accessible to taxpayers.

The Lovells Township Assessor's published policy is as follows:

- (i) A designation, by name, telephone number, and electronic mail address, of at least 1 official or employee in the assessor's office to whom taxpayer inquiries may be submitted directly by telephone or electronic mail.
Assessor of Record: Jamie Houserman, MMAO
Telephone Number: (989) 205-0599
Electronic Mail Address: lovells.assessor@yahoo.com
- (ii) An estimated response time for taxpayer inquiries submitted under subparagraph (i), not to exceed 7 business days.
The Assessor estimates a response time for taxpayer inquiries submitted under subparagraph (i), not to exceed 7 business days from the date of inquiry.
- (iii) Information about how a taxpayer may arrange a meeting with an official or employee of the assessor's office for purposes of discussing an inquiry in person.
Meetings are scheduled through the designated contact information, subparagraph (i).
- (iv) Information about how requests for inspection or production of records maintained by the assessor's office should be made by a taxpayer and how those requests will be handled by the assessor's office.
Taxpayer requests for inspection or production of records can be made with the Assessor through the designated contact information provided in subparagraph (i). Inspection requests will be scheduled as agreed upon between the taxpayer and the Assessor. Records maintained by the Assessor will be provided to the taxpayer by mail, by electronic mail, or as agreed upon between the taxpayer and the Assessor.
- (v) Information about any process that the assessor's office may have to informally hear and resolve disputes brought by taxpayers before the March meeting of the board of review.
Taxpayers may have their assessment reviewed by the Assessor at any time to resolve disputes before the March meeting of the Board of Review. The annual assessment process is all information gathered and assembled throughout the year to make changes for the following year. The Assessor has no jurisdiction to change an assessment for the current year. Changes after tax day (December 31st of the prior year) must be made by the March Board of Review.