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### **Whitfield County Mails Amended 2024 Assessment Notices**

*The Whitfield County Assessor's Office has sent the amended 2024 assessment notices to reflect fair market property values.*

Dalton, Ga., April 3, 2025 -- The Whitfield County Assessor's Office has sent amended 2024 property assessment notices to all residents based on fair market property values in Whitfield County. These amended notices will replace the assessment notices from June of 2024. The Whitfield County Board of Assessors is committed to accuracy and legal compliance in property valuations for Whitfield County residents. The Board is eager to ensure that assessed values reflect the true market value of residential, commercial and industrial properties, in full compliance with state regulations.

"The Whitfield County Board of Assessors recognizes that the 2024 tax year has caused confusion," Whitfield County Board of Assessors Chair Tom Minor said. "We are working to improve communication with residents, including offering a new tax help website and email list to answer common questions and provide timely updates. We are also opening up the first floor of the County Offices building downtown to answer questions and help residents. The Assessor's office is here to help."

The Assessor's office is working to ensure properties are assessed at fair market value every year. The County's current tax procedures, outlined below, must be followed.

1. The Board of Assessors approves a tax digest based on fair-market property assessments.
2. The taxing entities of Whitfield County receive the approved digest to set their millage rates.
3. The Tax Commissioner determines tax bills and collects taxes.

Chief Appraiser Kristi Queen explains, "The amended 2024 digest includes an increase in the assessed value of many properties compared to previous digests to reflect actual property values and comply with state law. Your Amended 2024 Property Assessment Notice is based on fair-market property values in Whitfield County."

Once you receive your amended 2024 assessment notice, you have 45 days from the date of the notice to appeal the assessment. Queen explains, "If you feel the Fair Market Value listed on your amended 2024 property assessment is incorrect, you have 45 days from the notice date to file an appeal at our website or in person at our offices. We are here to help and are available by phone, email, or in-person."

Assessed values do not always directly lead to an increase in your property taxes. According to Whitfield County Board of Assessor's Chair Tom Minor, "Many factors determine your final tax bill. Right now, the Board of Assessors is working with county commissioners, city councils, and local school boards to provide them with necessary information to finalize their millage rates (tax rates) for 2024. Those decisions will lead to a tax bill to be sent out later in 2025 from the Tax Commissioner's Office."

The Assessor's Office, the Board of Assessors and the Whitfield County government know the tax process has caused confusion, so they created the Whitfield County Tax Help website to offer clear answers for the people of Whitfield County.

For a clear understanding of your 2024 property assessments and taxes, visit [whitfieldcountytaxhelp.com](http://whitfieldcountytaxhelp.com). The site is now available in Spanish, as well.

The Assessor's Office is located at 201 S Hamilton St. in Downtown Dalton, GA and is open 8am-5pm Monday through Friday.