2019 REVALUATION NOTICE

Every ten years, the State of Connecticut mandates that the Town of New Fairfield perform a physical property revaluation which includes physical inspections of each parcel of real estate. The purpose of the revaluation program is to develop accurate and uniform assessments based on fair market value as of October 1, 2019. This, in turn, will generate an equitable tax base throughout the Town, distributed among New Fairfield taxpayers.

The firm of Vision Government Solutions has been contracted by the Town of New Fairfield to assist in conducting this revaluation. Under the supervision of the Town Assessor, Vision employees will collect and analyze data on all properties in town, including both external and internal physical reviews.

From February through August 2019 Vision Government Solutions field inspector will be in your area to visit your home and request an inspection. The employees will wear brightly colored inspection vests, carry photo identification and their cars will be registered with the New Fairfield Police Department and clearly marked "ASSESSOR'S OFFICE, POLICE DEPT. REGISTERED VEHICLE" and the Vision Government Solutions logo.

This inspection will take approximately 10 - 15 minutes. If no one is at home, the inspector will measure the exterior of the home and stop back at another time to request an interior inspection. If you will be out of town during this period, please call the number below to schedule an inspection.

While it is <u>not mandatory</u> for residents to allow inspectors interior access, since the data they are collecting is <u>vitally important</u> to the accuracy and uniformity of the assessments, your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Inspections will continue through the summer. Once the data has been collected it will be analyzed along with current market trends to determine the market value for each parcel of real estate. Notices with new assessments will be mailed to all property owners in December of 2019. At that time Vision Government Solutions will conduct informal hearings with any property owner requesting assessment clarification.

Please visit the Town of New Fairfield's website (<u>www.newfairfield.org</u>) for more information regarding the revaluation and direct any inquiries about this project to the Assessor's Office at 203-312-5625.