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**SUBJECT: Duluth Assessor Announces Start of Residential Inspections**

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## **Duluth Assessor Announces Start of Residential Inspections**

State law requires the Duluth City Assessor to periodically inspect each parcel within the city. This is accomplished by inspecting select portions of the city each and every year. The City of Duluth Assessor's Office inspection cycle for existing properties begins each July and concludes in December, while most new construction will be inspected in January and February 2011. Any value and/or classification changes resulting from those inspections must be reported to the St. Louis County Auditor by mid-March 2011.

There are thousands of affected parcels therefore, the appraisers will go door to door and request permission to enter and conduct the inspection. The inspecting appraiser can be identified by their City of Duluth photo identification tag. If the owner is not there, the appraiser will leave a card on the door indicating that he/she was there. The owner will be instructed to contact the appraiser for a follow-up visit.

For the 2011 assessment year, for which taxes will be paid in 2012, the following areas of the city will receive residential inspections and revaluations.

### Residential Parcel Group #1

Residential parcels in Upper Lincoln Park above Third or Fourth Street depending upon progress over the summer and fall months.

### Residential Parcel Group #2

Most but not all residential parcels in that part of Duluth Heights east of Robin Avenue, north of Central Entrance, west of Skyline Parkway, and south of Arrowhead Road to Rice Lake Road then south of Aspenwood and the College of Saint Scholastica.

Residential Parcel Group #3

Continuation of inspection of residential parcels in Lakeside/Lester Park north of Glenwood with the exception of Avondale, Oakley and the west segment of Norwood Streets; and all properties south of Glenwood Street to the north side of London Road beginning with 54<sup>th</sup> Avenue East and going eastward.

Residential Parcel Group #4

Completion of inspection of residential parcels in Morgan Park, then east to Smithville, Riverside, Norton Park, Spirit Cove and properties accessible from Skyline Drive.

Because of the irregular shape of many plats, some parcels will fall within or outside of the specified geographic boundaries and may not be part of the rest of the parcel group slated for inspection this year.

Appraisers will have limited availability to schedule appointments but those residents who require an inspection by appointment can contact the City Assessor's Office at 730-5190.

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