

STATE ASSESSORS BOARD
ADMINISTRATION FEE POSITION STATEMENT
ANNOUNCEMENT

The primary purpose of the State Assessors Board is to educate, train, and certify Michigan assessing officers. In this capacity, the State Assessors Board plays an important role in the health of Michigan's property tax system which provides stable funding for vital public services throughout the state. Due to the importance of the property tax system, and to prevent the educational role played by the State Assessors Board from being compromised, the State Assessors Board is interested in promoting the health of the property tax system. The State Assessors Board recognizes that factors other than the education of assessing officers affect the health of Michigan's property tax system. Specifically, the State Assessors Board recognizes that assessment administration must be adequately funded for the property tax system to function properly.

At the July 14, 2008 meeting of the State Assessors Board, the Board adopted an official position regarding the levy, collection, and use of the property tax administration fee authorized under Michigan Compiled Law 211.44. A statement of that position is as follows:

It is the position of the State Assessors Board that Cities and Townships should levy and collect the one percent administration fee as authorized under Michigan Compiled Law (MCL) 211.44. Further, it is the position of the State Assessors Board that Cities and Townships should ensure that the funds generated by this property tax administration fee be dedicated solely to the property tax function as specified by MCL 211.44.

It is hoped that, by announcing its official position regarding the levy, collection, and use of the property tax administration fee, the State Assessors Board will bring attention to this important subject.

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