



July 15, 2020

COVID-19 and the 2020 PROPERTY VALUATIONS

COVID-19 has had a large impact on all segments of our economy. Many people have contacted my office asking about our 2020 property valuations and if our values will be reduced due to the effects of the pandemic.

State law requires all real property to be valued as of January 1st of each year. This requirement helps maintain consistency and equity in the assessment and valuation of property statewide. Since the pandemic occurred after January 1, 2020, our valuations will not be adjusted this year for any impact due to COVID-19. Any adjustment to the value of property due to COVID-19 will be reflected in the 2021 valuation.

Should you decide to appeal, please be aware that my office does not screen, or approve, appeals submitted to the Board of Equalization. We will respond to appeals that are accepted by the Board with information that was available as of January 1st, 2020. Sales, appraisals, and leases are the types of evidence that are usually given the most weight when supplied as part of an appeal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kevin Jacobs'.

Kevin Jacobs
Salt Lake County Assessor