



**Council Bill 12-0010R**

- 1 To be given the option of an assessment appeal hearing conducted by telephone.
- 2 To postpone an assessment appeal hearing once at the property owner's request.
- 3 To review and discuss with an assessor, during an appeal hearing, the information shown
- 4 on the assessment worksheet.
- 5 To be assured that after an appeal hearing the assessment of a residential property under
- 6 appeal will not be increased during that 3 year cycle as a result of information obtained at
- 7 the appeal hearing.
- 8 To be given the option of a reinspection of the property to review updated information
- 9 revealed during the appeal hearing.
- 10 To require the Department to review and correct any measurement, mathematical,
- 11 clerical, or other technical error used in the valuation of the property.
- 12 To file a petition for review within any year of the 3 year assessment cycle.

13 It is important that all Baltimore homeowners be made fully aware of both their rights under  
14 the law and how SDAT assesses their property for tax purposes. Further, because of the limited  
15 time frame citizens affected by the recent reassessments have to decide whether or not to file an  
16 appeal, it is essential that this information be quickly spread to as wide of an audience as  
17 possible. One way to encourage the spread of this information would be a public hearing before  
18 the City Council.

19 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That  
20 representatives from the State Department of Assessments and Taxation's Baltimore City office  
21 are invited to appear before the Council to discuss the process by which properties in Baltimore  
22 were reassessed for tax purposes, and to explain what rights homeowners have if they believe  
23 these assessments are not correct.

24 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the  
25 Director of the State Department of Assessments and Taxation, and the Mayor's Legislative  
26 Liaison to the City Council.