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Attention: Cumberland County Property Owners!

Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, is in the process of performing a county-wide reassessment of all real estate within the County. As part of the effort, the Assessment Office has begun sending questionnaires to commercial property owners seeking rental and operating expenses information. This information, if provided by the property owner, will be used by the Assessment office in determining the new assessed value. The new assessed values and hence, the new taxes, for properties, will take effect on January 1, 2010.

As is typical in county-wide assessments, the reassessment will likely result in at least one-third of the properties within the county receiving a higher assessment and, therefore, higher taxes.

Property owners will begin receiving their assessment notices in early Spring 2009. Upon receipt of the notice, property owners will have a short period of time within which to evaluate their new assessment and file appeals from the assessment if they disagree with it.

The assessment appeal process is comprised of an informal meeting with the assessment office which would then be, followed by a hearing if the reassessment concerns are not resolved in the initial meeting.

The attorneys at Cohen Seglias are well-positioned to assist you in an appeal of your reassessment. When you receive a notice of reassessment, please contact us if you would like our assistance.

If you have comments or specific questions about this Alert or would like to know more about this county-wide reassessment of real estate, please contact Steve Williams in our Business Department at: SWilliams@cohenseglias.com or 717.234.5530.



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