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# City of West Allis Matter Summary

7525 W. Greenfield Ave.  
West Allis, WI 53214

File Number	Title	Status
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2007-0142      Communication      In Committee

Communication from the City Assessor requesting postponement of the 2008 citywide revaluation until 2009.

Introduced: 3/20/2007

Controlling Body: Administration & Finance Committee

### COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

*approval*

ACTION DATE:	MOVER	SECONDER		AYE	NO	PRESENT	EXCUSED
<u>MAR 20 2007</u>			Barczak	✓			
			Czaplewski	✓			
			Dobrowski				
			Kopplin				
		✓	Lajsic	✓			
			Narlock				
			Reinke	✓			
			Sengstock				
			Vitale				
		✓ Weigel	✓				
		TOTAL		5	0		

### SIGNATURE OF COMMITTEE MEMBER

Chair

Vice-Chair

Member

### COMMON COUNCIL ACTION

*approval*

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<u>3-20-07</u>	✓		Barczak	✓			
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			Sengstock	✓			
			Vitale	✓			
		Weigel	✓				
		TOTAL		10	-		

*unanimous*



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City of West Allis Common Council

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CITY OF WEST ALLIS  
CLERK/TREASURER

RE: 2008 City of West Allis Revaluation

As the Assessor for the City of West Allis, I am asking the Common Council to consider the postponing of the 2008 citywide revaluation until 2009. The schedule of revaluations would then shift to every odd numbered year after 2009.

There are a number of reasons I bring this request before the Council.

- 1). Real Estate Market Conditions
- 2). National Elections – Resource Concerns
- 3). Budgetary Concerns

First, we have seen a slowdown in the residential market from our record years of 2004 and 2005. Residential sales for 2006 have shown an appreciation rate of approximately 2.5%, as compared to the 18% rate for 2004 and 2005 combined. We would continue to conduct our maintenance assessments for 2007 and 2008, then a revaluation in 2009. With the slowing of the residential market, there is not the concern of compliance in regards to our assessment ratios.

Second, 2008 will present the City with staffing and time constraints brought on by the National Elections. The Clerk's Office provides us with support during the annual Board of Review. The support consists of accepting and certifying objection forms, scheduling appointments for the Board of Review, acting as the clerk for the Board of Review, transcribing testimony, and the filing of State required forms. During a revaluation year, the Board of Review is in session later in the year, which would conflict with election preparation for the Clerk's Office.

Third, budgeting for revaluations is always a concern. We continually reduce our budget for postage and printing so it just meets our demands. With the costs of our mailing and printing of assessment notices increasing each revaluation, the extra maintenance year would provide us with a needed buffer when looking at increased postage rates.

Postponing the 2008 revaluation to 2009 would then allow us to continue our current



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budget amounts for postage and printing.

I present these reasons to the Council for their consideration of postponing the citywide revaluation till 2009, then conducting them each odd numbered year thereafter.

Sincerely,

Charles F. Ruud

City Assessor