



Helpful Hints for Motor Vehicle Appeals

from the Fairfield Board of Assessment Appeals

The Fairfield Board of Assessment Appeals would like to help you prepare for your Motor Vehicle Appeal. To that end the Board provides the following helpful hints. This document is intended to be informative. It is not a substitute for legal advice. The Board of Assessment Appeals cannot provide legal advice.

1. Understand How Motor Vehicle Assessments are Determined

It's important to understand how and when the Town determined your assessed value:

- Review the Assessor's [Motor Vehicle Assessments](#) web page.
- Note the date of the Grand List on your tax bill. This is the date and estimated mileage your vehicle is being valued as of.
- Motor Vehicles are taxed in arrears. The tax bill covers the one-year period up to the Grand List date.

2. Review NADA Data

Motor vehicle assessments are determined at 70% of **Clean Retail Value** using NADA Vehicle Pricing Guides, in accordance with Connecticut State Statute 12-71d. Look up your value in the [NADA Guide](#) based on the estimated mileage as of the Grand List date.

3. Be Prepared with Supporting Documentation

To appeal a motor vehicle assessment, a business owner or agent should be prepared to explain why they believe the value is incorrect and provide any combination of the following:

- Photographs of the vehicle
- The actual vehicle
- Photographs of the Odometer
- Accident/Damage Reports