

CHAPTER 479

AN ACT to renumber and amend 70.09; and to create 70.09 (1) and (2) of the statutes, relating to official real property lister; blanks for officers.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 70.09 of the statutes is renumbered 70.09 (3) and amended to read:

70.09 (3) TAX FORMS. The department of taxation shall prescribe and furnish to the several county clerks, forms for the assessment rolls, tax rolls, blanks and returns required for the assessment and collection of taxes. Every county clerk shall, at the expense of the county, annually procure to be prepared *by the real property parcel lister*, according to such prescribed forms, and furnish to each assessor in the county, in due season for use, an assessment roll, and to each city, village and town clerk a tax roll, and all other books, blanks and papers necessary to be used by such assessors, city, town and village clerks and treasurers, in the discharge of their duties. In the event the department of taxation * * * *fails* to prescribe such forms, the county clerk shall supply such assessment rolls, tax rolls and other blanks and necessary papers as are now in current use in such cities, villages and towns, and if he fails to supply the same, as herein provided, the clerk of any such city, village or town shall procure the same, and the cost thereof shall be a charge against the county.

SECTION 2. 70.09 (1) and (2) of the statutes are created to read:

70.09 OFFICIAL REAL PROPERTY LISTER; BLANKS FOR OFFICERS. (1) LISTER, COUNTY BOARDS MAY PROVIDE FOR. Any county board may provide for the appointment of a county real property tax lister and appropriate funds for the operation of the department of such lister. Such person may be an existing elected county officer or a member of his staff when so designated by the county board.

(2) DUTIES OF LISTER. The county board may delegate any of the following duties to the lister:

(a) To make and keep accurate lists and descriptions of all parcels of real property in the county which are subject to tax and also those which are exempt from such tax.

(b) To provide lists, maps and descriptions of real property tax parcels in the county for the use of assessors, city, village and town clerks and county offices requiring such lists and descriptions, but no town, city or village shall be subject to any tax levied to effect the functions where such town, city or village does not request such service. Such lists may include the following information:

1. The designation of a parcel number for each parcel;
2. The name and address (when known) of the owner of the parcel;

and

3. An accurate legal description of each parcel as shown in the latest records of the office of the register of deeds.

(c) Information regarding assessment values shall be taken from the assessor's field book and the real property parcel list shall be made to conform, as nearly as possible, to the assessor's field books at all times. All information supplied by the real property tax lister to local assessors is advisory only. All assessments shall remain the sole responsibility of the respective assessors and the boards of review in accordance with the statutes.

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