

**TOWN OF STRATFORD
PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET
FISCAL YEAR 2010**

**01 - GENERAL FUND
304 - TAX ASSESSMENT**

ORG	OBJ	DEPARTMENT/DESCRIPTION	FY 2006 ACTUAL	FY 2007 ACTUAL	FY 2008 ACTUAL	FY 2009 BUDGET	FY 2010 MAYOR PROPOSED	PERCENT CHANGE
TAX ASSESSMENT								
01304	6003	Payroll - Regular	322,604	302,408	296,506	367,228	360,160	-1.92%
01304	6004	Payroll - Part Time	-	-	7,708	17,100	3,500	-79.53%
01304	6020	Payroll - Overtime	2,299	16,073	11,593	3,600	3,600	0.00%
01304	6061	Education	2,785	5,268	3,442	3,500	3,500	0.00%
01304	6102	Printing & Stationery	5,717	5,902	6,463	5,880	6,500	10.54%
01304	6157	Gas & Oil	927	713	2,392	1,514	1,815	19.88%
01304	6302	Equipment Service	371	329	598	1,000	600	-40.00%
01304	6309	Auto Maintenance	100	585	148	480	500	4.17%
01304	6382	Audit Fees	50,000	19,634	20,000	20,000	20,000	0.00%
01304	6499	Contractual Services	9,692	43,083	22,342	29,400	29,400	0.00%
			394,495	393,996	371,193	449,702	429,575	-4.48%



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Tax Assessor's Office is responsible for the discovery, listing, valuation and equalization of all properties in the Town of Stratford. This office is also responsible for the maintenance of assessment records and the annual calculation of the taxable Grand List.

Personnel	FY 06 Approved	FY 07 Approved	FY 08 Approved	FY 09 Approved	FY 10 Mayor Proposed
Positions	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0

BASIC BUDGET LINE ITEM JUSTIFICATION

Department	Tax Assessment	2010 Proposed Budget
304-6020	Payroll - Overtime	\$ 3,600
Provides for compensation for anticipated overtime in connection with records maintenance and the facilitation of the elderly exemption programs.		
304-6061	Education	\$ 3,500
Professional association memberships and educational courses required by the State of Connecticut to maintain certifications for the Assessor and related staff professional development.		
304-6102	Printing and Stationery	\$ 6,500
Provides funds for office supplies, printing and binding of the Grand List.		
304-6382	Audit Fees (Personal Property Audit)	\$ 20,000
This account provides funding for the professional audit of businesses for the purpose of insuring accurate personal property declarations. Funding will provide for forty (40) audits.		



304-6499 Contractual Services \$ 29,400

This account provides funding for software maintenance for Vision Appraisal and Quality Data.

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES AND COMMENTARY

In FY09, the Town of Stratford began a physical revaluation of all residential and commercial real property. The revaluation will be completed by December 31, 2009.

