



# Saint Louis County

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### **City of Hibbing approves partnership with St. Louis County for assessor services**

St. Louis County and the City of Hibbing are working to finalize a partnership that would have the County's Assessor's office take over assessor responsibilities in Hibbing beginning in July. The Hibbing City Council gave its approval to the arrangement Wednesday night. The County Board gave preliminary approval to the measure at today's Committee of the Whole meeting.

"I applaud the efforts of management of both the city and county to put a plan in place and believe that the transition will be seamless," said St. Louis County Commissioner Steve Raukar, whose district includes Hibbing. "This decision represents but another step in the ongoing evolution of partnering to more cost effectively and efficiently deliver core services to our mutual constituents."

The change comes following the announced retirement of Hibbing's assessor. The County plans to maintain an office in the Hibbing City Hall and will assign staff to work there.

"I am confident that the citizens of Hibbing will continue to experience the high level of customer service they have come to expect and deserve," said Kevin Gray, St. Louis County Administrator. "I appreciate the efforts of Hibbing Mayor Rick Cannata and City Administrator Tom Dicklich and the support of the City Council to help forge this agreement. The County Board also supports this agreement and will take a final vote at next Tuesday's meeting."

The St. Louis County Assessor is responsible for the equalization of property assessments throughout St. Louis County to ensure that each property is equally and uniformly assessed. The County, in recent months, has also taken over assessment duties for several other cities, including Duluth, Gilbert and Cotton, plus several townships.

The St. Louis County Assessor's team operates out of the Duluth Courthouse, the Northland Office Center in Virginia and the St. Louis County Service Center in Ely. It is part of the County's Public Records and Property Valuation Department. For more information online, visit [stlouiscountymn.gov](http://stlouiscountymn.gov), or call (218) 726-2304.

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