

# Live Oak Taxes To Soar Following Reappraisal

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Live Oak property owners are receiving some costly news in the mail.

Assessor John Seidlinger said this morning his office has reappraised some 6,000 residential properties in the sector between the small craft harbor and Capitola, and valuations are jumping from 50 to 100 per cent.

"The main reason for the steep increases is that this area has been neglected (not reap-

praised) since 1966," the assessor said. By comparison, he said Rio del Mar has been reappraised three times since then.

Seidlinger said he has received "numerous replies" from the first group of notices sent out and the "heavy part will be mailed out in the next week to 10 days."

He said increased commercial activity along 41st Avenue hasn't had much to do with the increased assessments, but the

"sale ratio" record in his office which compares sales prices to valuations has shown a sharp increase, especially in the past three years.

Seidlinger made no excuses about the lack of reappraisal since 1966 in Live Oak, but said the area was "small in size with a large number of parcels." He continued that there has been increased construction activity in the county in recent years and new laws such as the lot split ordinance has kept his of-

fice "extremely busy."

The assessor said the notices are being sent now to owners of property which has increased in the past year allow them to reply to his office prior to July 1.

Seidlinger said persons disagreeing with the increases should contact his office if they want a reappraisal. He added a different appraiser would then look at the parcel and report his findings after a "second look."

After July 1, the property is

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