



Department of Tax Administration (DTA)
County of Fairfax

**APPEAL OF VEHICLE ASSESSMENT
For Motor Vehicles with Damaged Condition as of January 1**

For personal property assessments, Virginia Law (§58.1-3503) requires that car values be from a recognized pricing guide as of January 1st of the tax year and be applied uniformly to the class of property being assessed for local taxes. To meet these requirements, Fairfax County uses the January edition of the J.D. Power Associates Valuation Services Official Used Car Guide (J.D. Power). Fairfax County uses the clean trade-in value listed in the J D Power value guide.

To appeal a vehicle's value for substantial body or serious mechanical defects that existed on January 1st of the tax year, you must provide a detailed itemized damage and repair estimate with the following requirements:

- Must describe the condition.
- Must be written on business letterhead by an insurance adjustor, auto appraiser, or auto repair facility.
- Must include the name, address, phone number, and signature of the adjustor or appraiser.
- Must clearly identify the vehicle - year, make, model and vehicle identification number (VIN).

Note that separate appeal forms must be completed for each year under appeal along with the required documentation listed above. In addition, the use of individual vehicle sales or trade-in offers as a basis for assessment is not a valid reason for appeal.

The vehicle owner must also complete the following information and attest that the damage or defect existed on January 1st of the tax year being appealed.

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Owner Name: _____

Vehicle Identification Number (VIN): _____

Vehicle Year: _____ Make: _____ Model: _____

Damage/Defect Certification: I certify that the above is true and correct and the condition of this vehicle as evidenced by the attached estimate or evaluation existed as of January 1, 20__

Owner Certification Signature:

I attest that I am the Owner/Co-owner of the vehicle above and that the information contained on this form is true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

E-mail: _____

NOTE: It is a misdemeanor for any person willfully to subscribe a return which he does not believe to be true and correct as to every material matter (VA Code § 58.1-11).

The completed form and required documentation can be submitted to DTAPPD@fairfaxcounty.gov or by mail to:

Fairfax County, Department of Tax Administration
Suite 261
120000 Government Center Parkway
Fairfax, VA 22035

*Submitting this form and the required documentation does not relieve you of the obligation to pay property or other taxes by the indicated due date. **If appealing within one month from the due date, pay the full amount on the bill and any resulting refund will be mailed to you or applied against unpaid taxes.** Appealing your assessment does not guarantee that the vehicle assessment will be lowered. Fairfax County will not reimburse any out-of-pocket costs to obtain repair estimates or appraisals. **Please note photos are not accepted as proof.***