

CHATHAM ASSESSING DEPARTMENT

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Assessing Department determination of room count is strictly notational. The Assessing Department does not place value on room count.

We will count rooms in a house. For a room to be considered more than one room when it leads to an open area, there must be a partition between the two areas.

If there is a partition between the two areas, they will be considered two separate rooms.

A bedroom is defined differently than the health department. We do not take size of room into consideration.

We want to see a closet in the room unless it is an antique or a separate area by itself with a full bath attached to the area.

An example of by itself would be a room over the garage with a full bath even though it might have a six-foot opening.

The bathroom count is not notational for its fixtures are counted individually for pricing of the dwelling cost for reproduction cost new.

The Assessing Departments in Massachusetts evaluations of a property are primarily on size, quality, utility, and location.

The size of the dwellings are determined by exterior measurements of the dwelling.

If you have any other questions on how Assessing Departments view room counts for evaluation of a property, please feel free to contact our office.

Sincerely,



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Director of Assessing