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INDIANAPOLIS - In about three weeks, property taxes will be due for Marion County homeowners who haven't filed for an extension.

Luciano Pisciotta says his east side home is an ongoing project.

"It had been on the market for several months," Pisciotta told 24-Hour News 8.

He bought it for \$60,000 in 2004. Today it's worth nearly \$120,000.

"We fixed it up. We had to do a fair amount of work before we could even move into the house, including painting and tearing things out," he explained.

After three years, Pisciotta says something did not look right after getting his current property tax bill.

"Someone is not taking a close enough look at the paperwork they're sending out. Anyone who's in business, and the government is in business, you really need to crunch numbers before you send people a bill for these things," said Pisciotta.

Pisciotta's home measures about 1500 square feet. His tax bill is for a home nearly 2100 square feet. So he called for help.

"Our phones started ringing, I think, just about as soon as the bills came out," said Brett Martin with Indianapolis Appraisal Associates.

Martin is a licensed Indianapolis appraiser. He measured Pisciotta's home and found the discrepancy.

"That can change a lot, in fact that can change a lot in a market," Martin explained.

He says people can be overpaying and not know it.

"At the end of the day, if you can't stick a sign in your front yard and sell your home for the assessed value in a reasonable amount of time, I would consider getting a professional appraiser," Martin told us.

You have options if you're concerned about your property tax bill:

- You can contact your township assessor for a review of your bill.
- You can get an independent appraisal of your property which costs about \$300.
- You can file an appeal.
- You can call your state representative about the tax rate. This won't solve your current issue, but it may prompt lawmakers to look at the issue for the future.