

Fwd: Examples of State Sketching Errors

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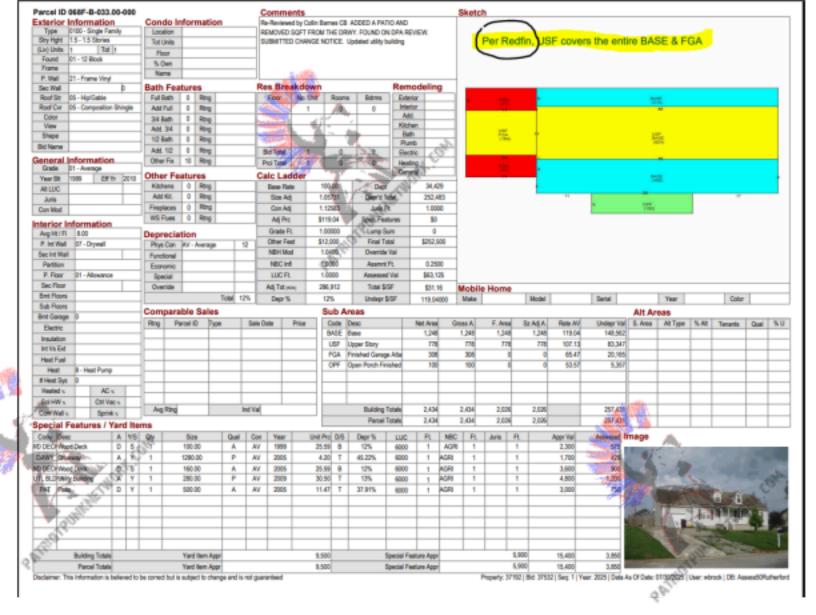
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If we key these as instructed, I will be knowingly in material violation of my oath of office. If I uphold my oath of office, I risk being found "willfully non-compliant" by the comptroller. This is the very definition of a "Catch 22".

These are three of the first four I looked at out of the 150+ we returned to the state to get clarity. They indicated they believe their judgement stands.

These are only a few examples of numerous suspect judgement calls. While our standard practice is to use in person examination and knowledge of construction practices, the state appears to be over relying on a commercial 3rd party tool. State statutes, manuals, DPA memos nor directives recognize 3rd party public sources as authoritative for assessment purposes. (Zillow and Redfin). We rely on an understanding of construction types and physically observable characteristics. The DPA appears to rely on Redfin and Zillow.





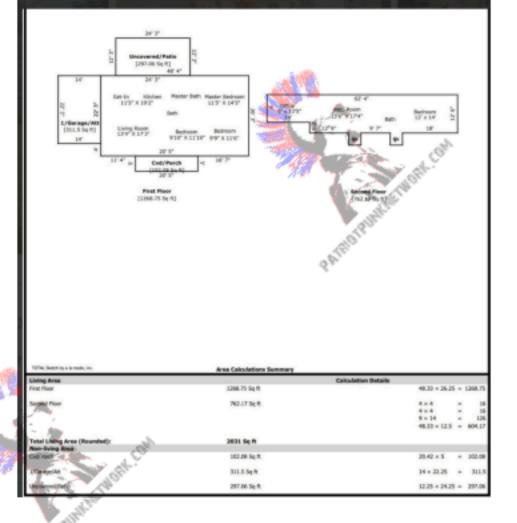
Redfin's description <u>does not have the entire 2nd floor covered</u>.(Even though the DPA auditor incorrectly claims that it does). This is one example of many more determined by the state to need correction. Our measurements indicate 2026 sq/ft while Redfin indicates 2031 sq/ft. State is directing us to inflate sq/ft to 2806. Inflating the sq/ft by 778 sq/ft.

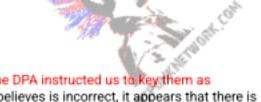
(image pulled from Redfin listing)



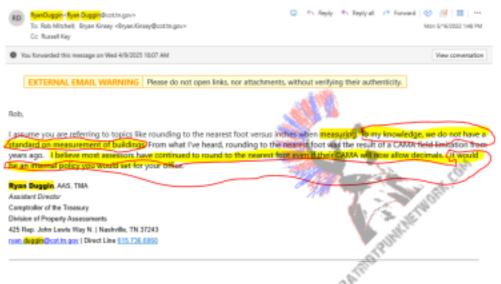




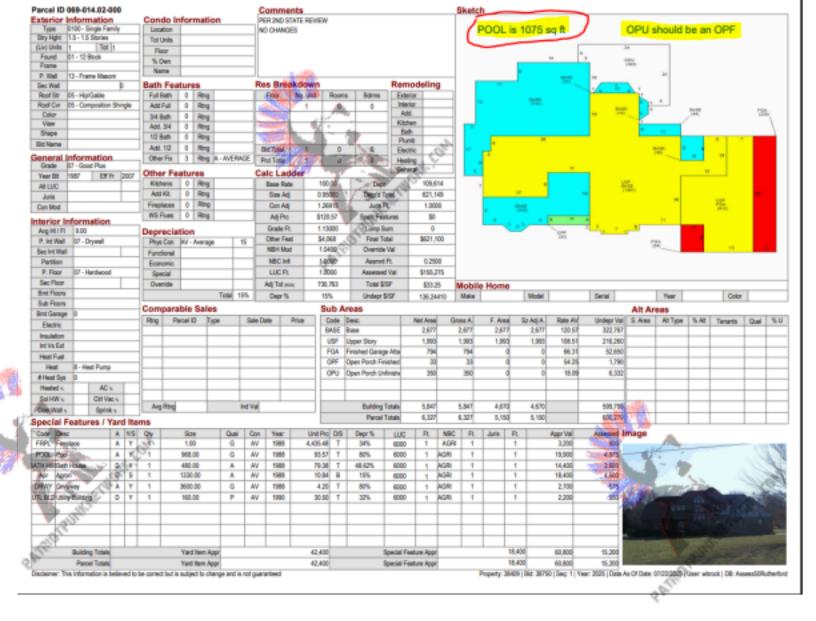




There are many more like this. We refused to key over 280 such examples for review. The DPA instructed us to key them as indicated after reviewing our concerns. Having had more time to review what the state believes is incorrect, it appears that there is reason to question the report on non-compliances validity and the validity of every property on the State of Tennessee's IMPACT CAMA system using state directives to measure property.



Another frequent observation is the comptroller's division of property assessments over estimation of inground pool dimensions. It appears they <u>measured the pool cover and not the pool itself</u>. An inground pool cover is typically larger than the pool it covers by approximately 2 to 5 feet in length and width, with some manufacturers adding more for a secure, overlapping fit. This added size provides a sufficient overlap to be secured with anchors, water bags, or weights around the pool's perimeter, ensuring the cover stays in place and provides effective protection. They appear to have overestimated the size. Their measurements take the pool from 968 sq/ft to 1075 sq/ft.



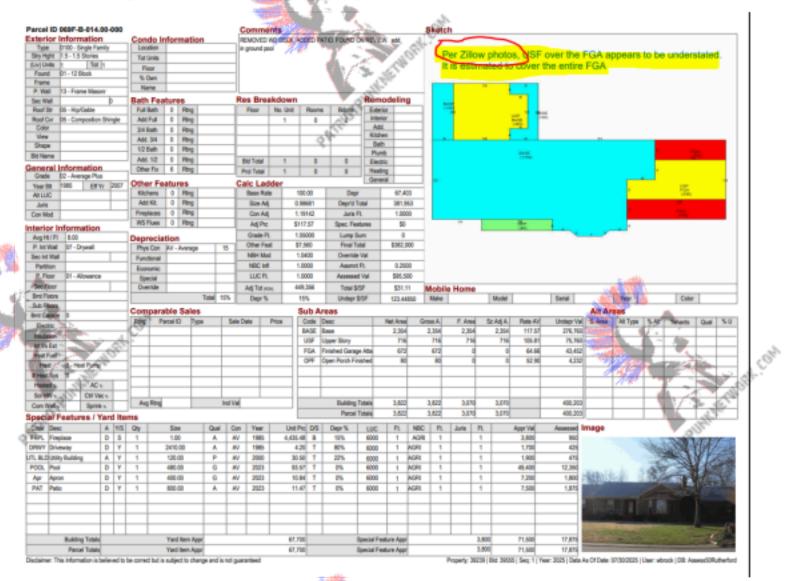
The OPU (open porch unfinished) indicates a porch which lacks finished ceilings. By calling the unfinished open porch a finished porch the value inflates by \$12,655.





If we key this exactly as directed by the state for the pool and the porch, the property owner will pay \$60.38 more in county property taxes. This is an amount which is dwarfed by the time, expense and effort required to come up with this erroneous determination

A more troubling finding is the inflation of the upper story finished living areas and use of Zillow and Redfin to base property taxes on. The Comptroller said this was their "statewide practice".



Photos from Zillow indicating the upper story finished could not possibly cover the entire garage.











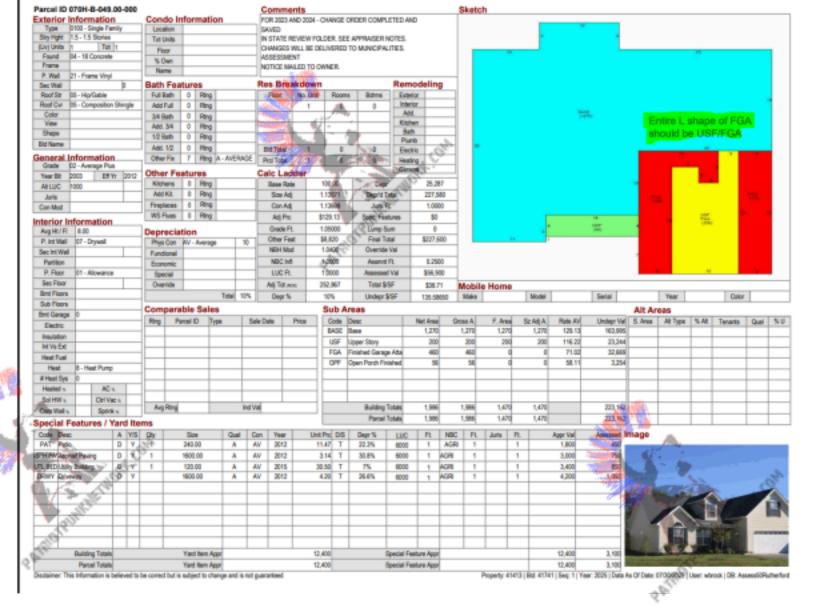


Keying by the Comptroller's direction would inflate the sq/ft by 336 sq/ft resulting in an inflated market value of \$35,552 and county property tax increases of \$667/year. There are about 20,000 such homes in Rutherford County. That's about \$13,340,000 the Comptroller wants to overcharge and gouge the citizens of Rutherford County for in excess taxes. Is he doing this in every other county in the state? He claims that "this" is their <u>"statewide standard"</u>.

Another upper story over a garage.



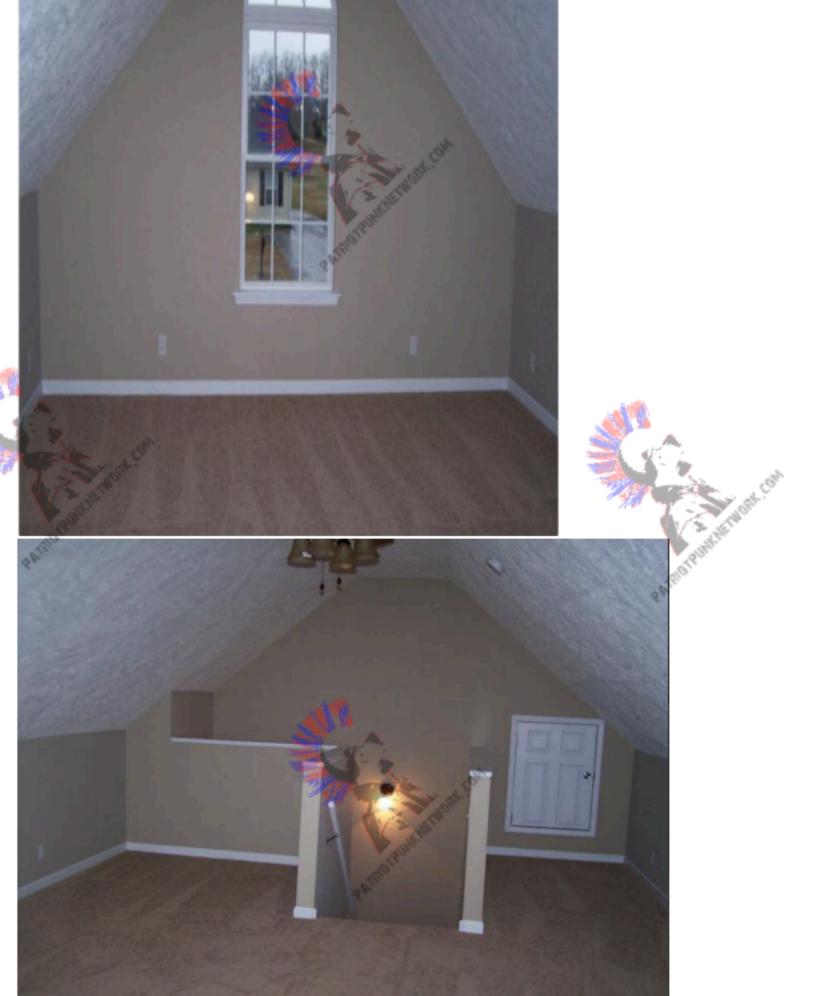




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Below is how the sketch appeared on the list the state indicated that we had erred.

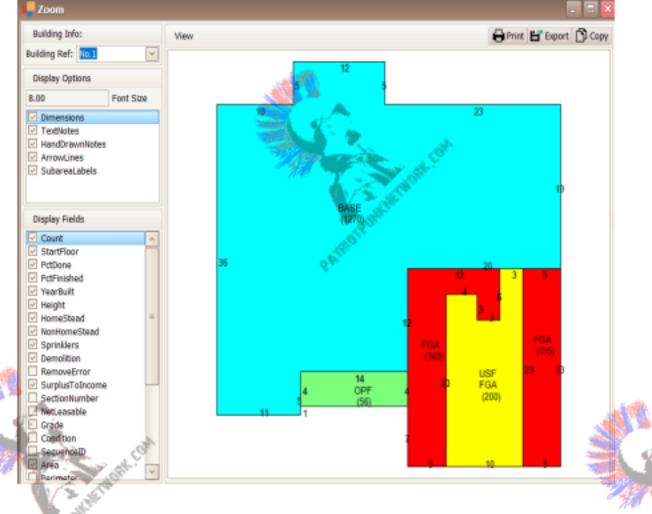


We changed the square footage and sketch for 2025









Now our directions are to do the following:



There is substantial indication that many of the determinations by the state that we are non-compliant with correcting errors is because there may have been no errors present to correct. We got into this home and the exact measurement is closer to either one of our first two determinations than the Comptroller's determination.

There was additionally a request for all communication to come through leadership in the assessor's office and that it be in writing so there is no misunderstanding of directions. This request was agreed to but quickly abandoned by the state agency.



It now appears that a group of individuals acting from inside of the county government have created a compelling false narrative for their political and pecuniary interests. Our citizens will be left holding the bill. Government agencies are being weaponized to silence those who seek justice and transparency.

If I am forced to choose between violating my oath to uphold the constitution and laws of our state and nation which was sworn before God or be found in non- compliance. I choose God and the people I was elected to serve.

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