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3.8.6. – SURVEYING

HISTORY

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DESCRIPTION

This CoT GIS policy applies to all address management-related activities undertaken throughout the City of Tampa with one exception. Chapter 472 (LAND SURVEYING AND MAPPING) of the Florida Statutes specifies a key exception. Section 472.005 states:

"Surveyor and mapper" includes the term "professional surveyor and mapper" and means a person who is registered to engage in the practice of surveying and mapping under ss. 472.001-472.037. For the purposes of this statute, a surveyor and mapper means a person who determines and displays the facts of size, shape, topography, tidal datum planes, legal or geodetic location or relation, and orientation of improved or unimproved real property through direct measurement or from certifiable measurement through accepted photogrammetric procedures.

For the purposes of GIS development and mapping in the City of Tampa, the key phrase in this statute is *"improved or unimproved real property."* All real property surveying and mapping performed by City of Tampa staff, or by contractors on behalf of the City of Tampa, must be performed by a licensed surveyor or by exempt persons defined in ss. 472.003. To the extent that assignment of a street address constitutes an act of description, that address must be assigned by a licensed surveyor or by exempt persons defined in ss. 472.003, including "(c) Persons who are employees of an individual registered or legal entity certified under this chapter and who are the subordinates of a person in responsible charge registered under this chapter, to the extent that the supervision meets standards adopted by rule of the board, if any."

[Florida Statute – Chapter 472](#)

In summary, all City cadastral survey activities are performed and coordinated through the City of Tampa Public Works Department. For survey information or data, [contact the City Surveyor](#).

REFERENCE

The standard described above has been developed internally by the City of Tampa. The standard is part of the T&I Service Catalog.

[City of Tampa – T&I Service Catalog](#)