

SOURCEVIEW – Cowlitz County Assessor Maps

The Cowlitz County Assessor maps are available for purchase on CD in the GIS Department for \$107.70 including tax. Update CD's are \$53.85 with the return of the old SV disc. There are over 1,200 raster maps that make up the 55,000+ county tax parcels that are assessed for tax purposes. These maps are updated daily by the GIS Department. The maps are designed SPECIFICALLY for assessment purposes and are not meant to accurately represent the size, configuration, or exact location of property on the ground. They may be used to ASSIST IN LOCATING PROPERTY ONLY, and not for any other purpose. Although the Assessor's Office uses every resource available to reflect correct ownership of property in the county for TAX PURPOSES ONLY, the tax roll is not an official designation of property ownership and should not be relied upon to show absolute legal ownership of any property.

The Sourceview Reader program is not an "installable" program. It is simply an executable map viewer that allows the user to browse the assessor maps on the CD. The map reader may be run from the CD, or from a local hard drive. The computer needs to be running a version of Windows OS. The reader has been tested with Windows 2000 and Windows NT 3.51. It has not been tested with Windows XP, but other users have reported that they've been able to run the reader in XP. NOTE: THE GIS DEPARTMENT DOES NOT PROVIDE MICROSOFT WINDOWS SUPPORT OR WINDOWS TUTORIALS. If you are unfamiliar with basic windows functionality, please consult your windows documentation. The following instructions explain how to run the program from the CD:

- Insert the Sourceview CD in your CD-ROM drive
- Click the 'Start' button, then 'Run'
- Type the following: `D:\sv\svreader.exe assessor.svd` where 'D' is the drive letter for your CD-ROM drive. Your CD-ROM drive letter may be different.

If you copy the sv folder (which includes the svreader and all of the map images) from the CD to your local C:\ drive, you can set up a windows shortcut on your desktop that points to your hard drive rather than the CD. The shortcut would be the same as above, but with C:\ as the drive rather than your CD-ROM drive, if you copy the sv folder to your root C:\ drive.

Consult the 'Help' menu in Sourceview for instructions on how to operate the map viewer.