Dear Taxpayer,

Summertime is a busy time for my office.

Before **June 1**, my office submits the estimated taxable property values for 2022 to cities and other authorities who levy taxes because they need them to begin developing their budgets. The taxing authorities review the property values in their jurisdictions and decide on a proposed tax rate.

On **July 1**, my office submits a preliminary tax roll to Florida's Department of Revenue, the agency that oversees the operations of all Property Appraisers in the state.

On **August 18**, my office will mail the Notice of Proposed Taxes to all property owners, detailing the assessed and taxable values of your property, as well as the tax rates proposed by taxing authorities.

Florida law requires my office to value property based on the status of the market as of January 1. We use state-of-the-art technology to continuously process property data from local and industry sources and from field inspections performed by our highly-trained

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appraisal experts.

As always, I welcome your comments and questions regarding your property value and exemption amounts.

Now is a good time to check the mailing address associated with your property at pbcgov.org/PAPA. Simply search your property and confirm that your mailing address is correct. If it needs an update, just click the "Change of Address" button under the "Owner Information" section.

In this month's newsletter, a reminder that hurricane season is upon us and a memo to those residents who have not yet applied for a homestead exemption on their permanent residence in Palm Beach County. Enjoy reading and stay safe.





Hurricane Season Begins

June kicks off Hurricane Season, which runs through November 30. There are provisions in Florida law that pertain to your property tax assessment if your home has suffered catastrophic damage by a hurricane.

If your home suffers hurricane damage, our office will work with you through the assessment process. Information that would be helpful to us includes insurance

claims, photographs, and repair estimates and invoices. More information is at pbcgov.org/PAPA or found by contacting 561.355.3230 or PAHurricaneDamage@pbcgov.org.

As you plan for the season ahead, Palm Beach County Emergency Management offers essential tips on hurricane preparedness in their Hurricane Planning Guide online at: discover.pbcgov.org/publicsafety.

E Filing for Homestead Exemption and Portability

With the homestead exemption E file module, you can E file the same day you close on a new home, even without the deed. Simultaneously, you can E file for portability if moving within the state of Florida and filing for a homestead exemption.

A homestead exemption can reduce the assessed value of your property, thereby reducing the amount of property tax you pay. In addition, a homestead exemption limits any increase to your assessed value to a maximum of 3% each year or the amount of the change in the Consumer Price Index, whichever is lower. Portability transfers all or a significant portion of your cap savings, up to \$500,000, from a home with a homestead exemption to a new home within the state of Florida that qualifies for a homestead exemption.

Our Exemption Services Department administers all exemptions and portability applications and is available to answer your questions. Contact them at myexemption@pbcgov.org or 561.355.2866.







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