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ASSESSOR REMINDS CITIZENS TO DECLARE PERSONAL PROPERTY Late filing penalties applied on May 1

ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MO – As required by state law, the St. Charles County Assessor will mail approximately 46,000 personal property assessment forms for 2018 by March 20 to taxpayers who failed to respond to the initial January mailing. Forms were due by March 1. Late filing penalties will be applied on May 1.

Individual personal property owners can file their assessment online. The e-filing website and unique secure access code for the individual personal property owner's account is printed on the form. The e-filing link also is available through the Assessor's website, sccmo.org/Assessor. When filing online, taxpayers receive automatic confirmation that their form was received. Residents who mailed their form can verify receipt on the Assessor's website through the Personal Property Assessment Confirmation Database by entering in their address information.

Residents who have questions or did not receive a form to declare their personal property may contact the Personal Property Department at 636-949-7420 or 1-800-822-4012, ext. 7420. The Assessor's website also includes both individual and business personal property forms.

"The Assessor's Office is ready to help if residents have any questions about filing online or personal property in general," says Scott Shipman, St. Charles County Assessor.

Taxpayers who do not file a personal property assessment each year find themselves at the Assessor's Office during the end-of-the-year rush, mainly for three reasons:

- New residents are not familiar with the personal property declaration requirement.
- Residents did not receive a tax bill because their personal property declaration form was not returned to the Assessor.
- Residents experience difficulties renewing or registering license plates due to incorrect information reported on their personal property declaration.

By state law, personal property assessments must be filed with the Assessor every year. "Completion of the form assures a fair and equitable distribution of the tax burden," says Shipman. "The tax rate for everyone in the county is impacted when citizens do not declare their personal property."

Additionally, forms filed by May 1 provide the opportunity to appeal the value if necessary.

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About St. Charles County

Founded in 1812, St. Charles County is one of the fastest growing counties in Missouri, and the state's third largest county in both population and economic share. St. Charles County consistently ranks one of the healthiest places to live in Missouri in the County Health Rankings report published by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute. It is home to 12 scenic county parks encompassing more than 2,800 acres with additional land under development and more in reserve for future development.

With a population of 385,840, St Charles County is home to large employers including General Motors, Citi, MasterCard Worldwide and Boeing. It is ranked among the top 25 counties in the nation in high-tech job growth by the Progressive Policy Institute and consistently has the lowest unemployment rate in the Metropolitan St. Louis area.

St. Charles County Government employs nearly 1,100 in more than 30 departments and offices, who work to make the county an excellent place to live, work and shop. For more information, please visit www.sccmo.org.