

EXPLANATIONS

TAXING AUTHORITIES

***COLUMN 1 – “LAST YEAR’S ACTUAL TAX RATE” AND “YOUR PROPERTY TAXES LAST YEAR”**

These columns show the tax rate and taxes that applied last year to your property. These amounts were based on budgets adopted last year and your property’s previous taxable value.

***COLUMN 2 – “YOUR TAX RATE THIS YEAR IF NO BUDGET CHANGE IS ADOPTED” AND “YOUR TAXES IF NO BUDGET CHANGE IS ADOPTED”**

These columns show what your tax rate and your taxes will be this year IF EACH TAXING AUTHORITY DOES NOT CHANGE ITS PROPERTY TAX LEVY. These amounts are based on last year’s budgets and your current assessment.

***COLUMN 3 – “THIS YEAR’S PROPOSED TAX RATE” AND “YOUR TAXES IF PROPOSED BUDGET CHANGE IS ADOPTED”**

These columns show what your tax rate and taxes will be this year under the BUDGET ACTUALLY PROPOSED by each local taxing authority. The proposal is NOT final and may be amended at the public hearings shown on the front side of this notice. The difference between columns 2 and 3 is the tax change proposed by each local taxing authority and is NOT the result of higher assessments.

*NOTE: Amounts shown on this form **DO NOT** reflect early payment discounts you may have received or may be eligible to receive. (Discounts are a maximum of 4 percent of the amounts shown on this form.)

****Non-Ad Valorem Assessments**

Non-ad valorem assessments are placed on this notice at the request of the respective local governing boards. Your tax collector will be including them on the November tax notice. For details on particular non-ad valorem assessments, contact the levying local governing board.

PROPERTY APPRAISER

Market Value

Market or Just Value is the most probable sale price for your property in a competitive, open market as of January 1. It is based on a willing buyer and a willing seller, after proper consideration of all eight factors in section F.S. 193.011.

Assessed Value

Assessed value is the market value of your property minus any assessment reductions. The assessed value may be different for levies made by different tax authorities.

Assessment Reductions

Properties can receive an assessment reduction for a number of reasons. Some of the common reasons are below:

- There are limits on how much the assessment of your property can increase each year. Examples: Save Our Homes program and the limitation for non-homestead property.
- Certain types of property are valued on their current use rather than their market value. Examples: agricultural land and land used for conservation.
- Some reductions lower the assessed value only for levies of certain taxing authorities.

If your assessed value is lower than your market value because limits on increases apply to your property or because your property is valued based on its current use, the amount of the difference and reason for the difference are listed in the box titled, “Assessment Reductions”.

Exemptions

Specific dollar or percentage reductions in value based on certain qualifications of the property owner. The primary example is the homestead exemption.

Taxable Value

Taxable value is the value used to calculate the tax due on your property. Taxable value is the assessed value minus the value of your exemptions and discounts.

**For details on Independent Special Districts and voter-approved debt contact the
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