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Troup County Board of Assessors to Offer Email Services amid COVID-19 Concerns

Troup County, Ga. March 26, 2020 – Due to the rising concerns of Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19), the Troup County Board of Assessors will offer email services to accept select forms contingent upon specific noted conditions to offer additional methods of delivery and decrease the amount of person-to-person contact.

Specifically, the Troup County Board of Assessors will receive Personal Property Returns, forms PT-50P, PT-50M and PT-50A, via email as timely filed contingent upon the email filing being received on or before April 1, 2020 and the hard copy postmarked no later than 10 days following the deadline of April 1, 2020 deadline. The last day for mailing the hard copy will be April 11, 2020.

In addition, taxpayers must file Freeport Exemption Applications, form PT-50PF, by April 1, 2020 to be eligible to receive the full exemption. Applications filed after April 1, 2020 may receive a partial exemption up to June 1, 2020. The Application for Freeport Exemption Inventory is available online at <https://dor.georgia.gov/pt-50pf-application-freeport-exemption-inventory>.

The county urges the public to send Personal Property Returns and Freeport Applications to vwhite@troupcountyga.gov and bthoroman@troupcountyga.gov. Citizens may also utilize the drop box service at the front entrance of the Troup County Government Center, located at 100 Ridley Avenue, LaGrange, GA 30240. Troup County will accept the postal date on a mailed document as the received date.

Furthermore, taxpayers may apply for a homestead exemption year-round but must submit applications by April 1st of the year for which they are applying. The homestead exemption application form is available online at <https://dor.georgia.gov/lgs-homestead-application-homestead-exemption>.

Conservation Use Value Assessment (CUVA) applications are due April 1, 2020; however, O.C.G.A. § 48-5-7.4(j)(1) provides that, in the case of property which is the subject of a reassessment by the board of tax assessors, an application for current use assessment may be filed in conjunction with or in lieu of an appeal of the reassessment. This effectively gives some taxpayers a second opportunity to apply for CUVA. O.C.G.A. § 48-5-7.7(j)(1) provides that applications for conservation use assessment under the Forest Land Protection Act (FLPA) shall

be filed on or before the last day for filing ad valorem tax appeals of the annual notice of assessment. There is an exception for property which is the subject of a tax appeal of the annual notice of assessment under § 48-5-311, in which case a FLPA application may be filed at any time while such appeal is pending.

For questions and additional information, please contact the Troup County Property Appraisal Office directly at 706-883-1625, Monday-Friday from 8:00AM-5:00PM.

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