



Property Appraiser Hillsborough County

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HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY PROPERTY OWNERS RECEIVE ANNUAL TRIM NOTICE

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TAMPA – Hillsborough County property owners can now review their 2017 notice of proposed property taxes -- also known as “Truth in Millage” (TRIM) notice -- Property Appraiser Bob Henriquez announced today.

“Our primary goal with the TRIM notice is to provide property owners clear and complete information about their property’s value and exemptions,” Henriquez said. “With that goal in mind, we are extending our office’s telephone hours from 7 a.m. until 6 p.m. during the TRIM period.”

TRIM notices are mailed each August to property owners. To help answer questions about the notices, the HCPA is available by telephone at (813) 272-6100.

The TRIM notice is also available for review on the Hillsborough County Property Appraiser’s website by visiting www.hcpafl.org and searching for an individual’s property. The HCPA website also has an informative TRIM page at <https://www.hcpafl.org/Property-Info/Truth-In-Millage>

The TRIM notice is not a bill. Instead, it is an estimate of proposed taxes based on the expected tax rates, a property’s value and exemptions. The Property Appraiser’s office does not set the tax rate, bill or collect taxes. It only determines a property’s value.

The Taxable Value listed on a TRIM notice may vary by Hillsborough County’s various taxing authorities because some exemptions and caps only apply to certain taxing authorities. Each taxing authority holds a public hearing before setting their final tax rates for the fiscal year. The dates, times and places of these hearings are shown on the back of your TRIM notice.

The mailing of the TRIM notice begins the 25-day appeal period. If you disagree with the value set by the HCPA, or believe you should have qualified for an exemption but do not see it listed, please contact the HCPA at (813) 272-6100 for an informal review. If you are not satisfied with the outcome or would prefer not to discuss the matter with the HCPA, you can file a formal petition with the county's Value Adjustment Board (VAB). Your formal petition form must be received by the VAB (NOT postmarked) by Sept. 12.

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