

# Important Information

## Concerning Your Notice Of Proposed Property Taxes

*Please Read*

**RECAPTURE:** If the market value of your homestead property declined, but your assessed value increased, the likely cause is an administrative rule issued at the direction of the Florida Department of Revenue referred to as the RECAPTURE RULE. Our efforts to change this law (please refer to letter from your Property Appraiser on our website) have been unsuccessful to date; thus the 2.7% increase in your assessed value can only be offset by a corresponding decrease in the millage rates established by your taxing authorities. Phone numbers are listed below; meeting dates are on the TRIM notice.

**OIL SPILL RELIEF:** Please visit the Property Appraiser’s website to view a letter by your Property Appraiser on behalf of the citizens requesting executive or legislative assistance to provide 2010 property tax relief to owners affected by the BP Horizon oil spill catastrophe. On July 21, an executive order was signed by the Governor which authorized the Property Appraiser to provide “interim assessments” in order to reflect any effects of the oil spill for claims purposes only. However, this order in no way provides the property tax relief requested.

Due to the lack of executive or legislative action, the assessment included herein values your property as of January 1, 2010 and does not consider any adverse effect, if any, of the April 20 BP Horizon oil spill. The Property Appraiser is currently considering action in response to the Governor’s Executive Order for interim assessments, while simultaneously researching and evaluating the local market’s reaction to this disaster. (If future interim assessments are provided, the Property Appraiser wishes to acknowledge that these revised values are produced for claims purposes only. The Property Appraiser cannot guarantee that any such interim assessment will be deemed valid documentation for such claims.)

- Escambia County.....(850)595-4900
- City of Pensacola.....(850)435-1626
- Escambia County School Board .....(850)432-6121
- Town of Century.....850) 256-3208
- NW Florida Water Management District.....(850) 484-5125