



# 2010 TRIM NOTICE INFORMATION

*Understanding Your Proposed Property Tax Notice*

## 2010 "TRIM" NOTICE OF PROPOSED TAXES

Dear St. Lucie County Property Owner,

Enclosed is your annual TRIM (Truth In Millage) notice. You will find your 2010 proposed market and taxable values of your property as determined by the Property Appraiser's Office as well as the proposed tax (millage) rates and resulting taxes being requested by all taxing authorities whom you pay.

**This office has no control over your actual property taxes or millage (tax) rates.** Millage rates are established by the taxing authorities (i.e., County Commission, School Board, Cities, Special Districts, etc.) based on their budgets and spending. As an independent constitutional office, we are not controlled by any taxing authority and we work directly for you.

The TRIM period provides a 25-day window for reviewing your proposed values and tax rates and voicing any concerns you may have in regard to either. If you question the market value of your property (i.e., you do not believe the listed value, as of January 1, 2010, accurately reflects that of your property), please contact our office prior to the deadline - September 10, 2010 - in order to discuss your concerns with an appraiser. Most questions are resolved during this information exchange. An additional appeal process through the Value Adjustment Board is available to you and further information may be obtained by calling or visiting our office. Should you choose to proceed to the Value Adjustment Board, you must do so by the deadline or forfeit your appeal right for the 2010 tax year.

If you disagree with the proposed budget, spending or millage rates of the taxing authorities, you should let them know. The taxing authorities are required to hold public meetings for input on their proposed budgets. For your convenience, email addresses and phone numbers for the taxing authorities are enclosed.

Sincerely,

Your Property Appraiser's Office

### PROPERTY APPRAISER'S OFFICE

Telephone (772) 462-1000

#### **Ft. Pierce Office**

County Administrative Building  
2300 Virginia Ave., Rm 107  
Ft. Pierce, FL 34982

#### **St. Lucie West Office**

St. Lucie West Annex Building  
250 NW Country Club Dr.  
Port St. Lucie, FL 34986

#### **Port St. Lucie Office**

Walton Road Annex Building  
1664 SE Walton Rd., Ste #104  
Port St. Lucie, FL 34952

*Para obtener informacion en Español, por favor llame al 772-462-1000*

# PROPOSED 2010 PROPERTY TAX RATES

Taxing Authorities	Year	* Proposed Ad Valorem Tax Rate	Proposed Change from 2009 to 2010
St. Lucie County Board of County Commissioners	2010	7.1367	10.45% Increase
School Board of St. Lucie County	2010	8.177	2.52% Increase
St. Lucie County Fire District	2010	2.4839	12.90% Increase
Children's Services Council	2010	0.4872	No Change
City of Fort Pierce	2010	5.4674	No Change
City of Port St. Lucie	2010	5.4723	16.76% Increase
Town of St. Lucie Village	2010	1.675	4.04% Increase

\* The taxing authorities which levy property taxes against your property hold public hearings to adopt budgets and tax rates for the next year. The purpose of the public hearings is to receive input from property owners and to answer questions about the proposed taxes before finalizing the budget.

Each taxing authority may amend or alter its proposal at the hearing.

## Dates to note:

### January 1

Effective date of all appraisals for the tax year. Status of property on this date determines the just value. Effective date of residency requirement to qualify for homestead exemption.

### January 1 to March 1

Dates to apply for or renew homestead exemption, agriculture classification, and Senior's exemption with the Property Appraiser's Office.

### January 1 to April 1

Tangible personal property tax return must be completed and returned to the Property Appraiser.

### Mid August

TRIM Notices are mailed.

### September 10

Last day to file an appeal to the Value Adjustment Board.

### November 1

Tax Collector mails bills to property owners.

## How to contact your local taxing authorities to get involved:

### St. Lucie County Board of Commissioners

2300 Virginia Avenue  
Fort Pierce, FL 34982  
Chairman Charles Grande  
grandec@stlucieco.org  
772-462-1100

### School Board of St. Lucie County

4204 Okeechobee Rd  
Fort Pierce, FL 34947  
Chairman Troy Ingersoll  
ingersollt@stlucie.k12.fl.us  
772-429-3600

### St. Lucie County Fire District

5160 NW Milner Drive  
Port Saint Lucie, FL 34983  
Chairman Rufus Alexander  
ralexander@city-ft.pierce.com  
772-621-3400

### Children's Services Council

546 NW University Blvd, Suite 201  
Port Saint Lucie, FL 34986  
Chairman Kathryn Hensley  
hensleyk@stlucie.k12.fl.us  
772-408-1100

### South Florida Water Management District

P.O. Box 24680  
West Palm Beach, FL 33416  
Chairman Eric Buermann  
ebuerman@sflwmd.gov  
561-686-8800

### City of Fort Pierce

100 N. US 1  
Fort Pierce, FL 34954  
Mayor Robert J Benton III  
rbenton@city-ft.pierce.com  
772-460-2200

### City of Port St. Lucie

121 S.W Port St. Lucie Blvd.  
Port St. Lucie, FL 34984  
Mayor Patricia Christensen  
mayor@cityofpsl.com  
772-871-5225

### Town of St. Lucie Village

P.O. Box 3878  
Fort Pierce, FL 34948  
Mayor William Thiess  
772-464-8200

For more information or to file for an exemption, please visit our website at [www.pasl.org](http://www.pasl.org)