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ORANGE COUNTY ANNOUNCES REASSESSMENT INFORMATION

Orange County, VA – Real estate reassessment notices mailed on November 6, 2015 should have recently been received by Orange County property owners. This notice gives the current assessed value for each property and the assessed value for 2016, on which next year's real estate taxes will be calculated. The reassessment notice also provides the procedure to request a hearing with Orange County's third-party assessor as well as the procedure for an appeal of the new assessment. Please note that appeals to the assessment office must be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. on December 4, 2015. If a property owner does not appeal to the assessor, they still have the right to appeal to the Board of Equalization. The deadline to appeal to the Orange County Board of Equalization is no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 11, 2016. Appeal forms and more information regarding the appeal process is available on the Commissioner of the Revenue's webpage at www.orangecountyva.gov/2015reassessment or call (540) 672-4441.

In order to evaluate the reassessed value for a property, it is useful to compare the property to other similar properties. Property owners can obtain a description and assessed values for other properties (for example: acreage, improvements, etc.) for comparison purposes by visiting the Orange County website.

To obtain assessment information for property comparisons, visit the "Citizen Service Center" section of the Orange County website located at www.orangecountyva.gov and select "Online Services." Once on the "How Do I" page, click on "View." Once on the "View" page, click on "Property Card." The "Property Card" link takes users to a form on which they can enter the name or address of a property to see information regarding that property. In addition to the assessed value of the property, one can obtain additional information about improvements, such as date of construction, number of rooms, square footage, type of heating, sales information, etc. In addition to comparing to other properties, one can also verify the information on their property.

For questions or additional information regarding reassessment or appeals, please contact the Commissioner of the Revenue's office at (540) 672-4441.

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