

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **PERSONAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENT FORMS IN THE MAIL – DUE MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup>**

Personal property assessment forms will be mailed by the Jefferson County Appraiser's Office on Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>. As required by Kansas law, property owners need to fill out the rendition forms, listing taxable tangible personal property that they own and return to the Appraiser's Office by March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009 to avoid late penalties. This filing requirement does not apply to motor vehicles or 12,000 pound trucks.

Property located or stored in Jefferson County that needs to be declared includes non-highway vehicles, watercraft (including boat motors and boat trailers), travel trailers not self-contained, flatbed and utility trailers, ATVs, golf carts, recreational vehicles, motorized bikes, trucks tagged 16,000 pounds or over, aircraft, manufactured homes *not* on a permanent foundation and commercial equipment > \$1,500.

Property previously reported that has been sold, junked or traded will need appropriate documentation given to the County Appraiser's Office to support the removal of the property from the tax roll. If new property was acquired, it will be necessary to provide the year, make, model, size, date of purchase, location of property and an invoice showing the price paid for the property.

Effective January 1, 2009, a new law exempts any property with a purchase price of \$750 or less that is in sub-class (6), class 2 of Article 11, § 1 of the Kansas Constitution, which is more commonly referred to as "**other personal property**." The exemption only includes items such as boats, boat motors, boat trailers, golf carts, ATV's, campers, mopeds, misc. trailers and machinery & equipment no longer being "used" for the production of income. The exemption applies to any purchase whether new or used and there are no limitations as to when the purchase was made. Documentation showing the buyer and seller's name, address, signatures, date, and purchase price(s) will need to be submitted to the Appraiser's Office for consideration (i.e. Bill of Sale, Affidavit, etc.). Winnings, gifts and inherited property may not automatically receive the exemption.

If you own personal property and did not receive an assessment form or if you have a question concerning your assessment form, the Appraiser' Office urges you to visit their office in the basement of the courthouse, call (785) 863-2080 for assistance or visit the County Appraiser's web site at <http://appraiser.jfcountyks.com>. On-line filing is also available. To request on-line filing please email [jmiller@jfcountyks.com](mailto:jmiller@jfcountyks.com) for a password necessary to file.