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Tangible Personal Property Tax Return

Section 58.1-3518 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, requires that all personal property owned as of January 1 of any year be filed on a personal property tax return **if not previously reported**. *All newly purchased or moved in property must be filed by the taxpayer within 60 days thereof.* Returns for mobile homes and airplanes are required to be filed **ANNUALLY** even if the same as prior year per the VA Code. Personal Property assessments are made based on a recognized pricing guide or by a percent or percentages of the original cost. In addition, every taxpayer who owns, leases, rents, or borrows tangible personal property (non-vehicle assets such as equipment, tools & machinery) which was used or available for use in a business or profession and which was located in Frederick County on January 1 is required to report such property on the appropriate form (see list below) **ANNUALLY**.

Penalty

A 10% or \$2.00 minimum late filing penalty will be imposed if personal property is not filed by the taxpayer within 60 days of its purchase or move in.

Appeals

Section 58.1-3983.1 of the Code of Virginia states that any person assessed with any local mobile property tax or local business tax may appeal such assessment. The Application For Review – Vehicles Only and Application for Review – Local Business Taxes Only appeal forms are available on the Commissioner of the Revenue’s website at www.fcva.us/cor. Any evidence supporting the appeal must be presented to the Commissioner or staff personnel. Call 540-722-8324 for appeal procedures.

Truckers

If you travel in interstate commerce, you must file with the Commissioner’s office by MARCH 1 (or first business day thereafter) your four (4) consecutive quarters of IFTA reports for apportionment.

Forms

TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY	TYPE OF FORM
Vehicles, Trucks, Trailers, Boats, Motor Homes	Form 762
Airplanes	Form 762A
Mobile Homes	Form 762H
Business Equipment	Form 762B
Business Equipment – Leasing Companies	Form 762L
Business Equipment – Outdoor Advertising	Form 762S
Machinery & Tools (used in the manufacturing process that is owned, leased, rented or borrowed)*	Form 762M
Processors (used by processors that is owned, leased, rented or borrowed)*	Form 762P
Big Trucks/Trailers	Form 762T

Proration

If personal property is purchased after January 1, and the item is owned for more than 15 days in the month, the taxes are calculated as if the item was owned for a full month. If you sell or dispose of a motor vehicle, trailer, boat, or mobile home, please go online to Registration to Add/Remove Vehicle or complete a Request for Refund/Prorated Assessment Form and return it to the Commissioner of the Revenue so that you may receive a credit or refund of taxes for that portion of the remaining year. On DMV registered items, the jurisdictional disposal or residency address must be changed or the item will be taxed here when we match records with DMV. No refund of less than \$5.00 by the Treasurer shall be issued unless specifically requested by the taxpayer. Forms and online programs are available at www.fcva.us/cor.

PPTRA

The Personal Property Tax Relief Act of 1998 provides tax relief for passenger cars, motorcycles, and pickup or panel trucks having a registered gross weight of less than 7,501 lbs. or having a gross weight exceeding 7,500 lbs. but not in excess of 10,000 lbs. for personal use (not business) and reclassified by DMV. To qualify, a vehicle must: (a) be owned by an individual or leased by an individual under a contract requiring the individual to pay the personal property tax; **AND** (b) be used 50% or less for business purposes. Motor homes, trailers, and farm use vehicles do not qualify for tax relief per state regulations.

Billing

Please call the Treasurer at 540-665-5607 for questions on payments, balances, penalties, or past due notices.

Business Use

Passenger type vehicles with 50% or more business use must be reported separately to the Commissioner of the Revenue.

Residents of Middletown and Stephens City

Middletown & Stephens City residents are no longer required to file a Personal Property Return with Frederick County Commissioner of the Revenue if items have not changed from the previous year. Decals are purchased from the respective town offices. If you have property not previously reported, see your Town’s 30-day rules. Please check with your Town officials if you have questions.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

Office of the Commissioner of the Revenue Mailing Address: PO Box 552, Winchester VA 22604-0552 Physical Address: 107 North Kent Street, Winchester VA 22601	Telephone: 540-722-8324 Fax: 540-667-6487 Website: www.fcva.us/cor
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