

Local Government Division and Legislative Update

Tony Simpson, Director

2018 Advanced Real and Personal Property Seminar February 18, 2019 Koury Convention Center, Greensboro



Local Government



- Distribution Unit moved to Financial Services
- Organization
 - Tony Simpson, Director
 - Mike Connolly, Assistant Director
 - Doug Huffman, Real Property Manager
 - Tina Stone, Personal Property Manager
 - George Hermane, Public Service Manager

- Quality customer service
 - 5 Star Tax Administration
- Increased presence in counties
- Improve Tag & Tax user experience
 - On-demand data reporting
 - Efficient data distribution
 - Data accuracy

- Certified value of \$34 billion for FY 2017-18
- 60% of value from three companies
 - Duke Energy Carolina
 - Duke Energy Progress
 - Piedmont Natural Gas
- Overall state increase for FY 2018-19
 - Variations at county level

Information Unit

- TR-1 and TR-2
 - Enhancing automation process
 - Implementing data import capabilities
 - Additional data verification
 - User-friendly forms
 - Warning messages to identify errors
- New information database
 - Capability to cross reference databases
 - Additional report options
 - Data quality verification

- Reappraisal standards
 - Published and distributed to all assessors
 - Workshop being developed
- Appeal manual update
- Exemption manual update
- Improved correspondence/forms
- Earlier publication dates

- VTS hardware replacement
- Card reader replacement
 - LPAs
 - Driver license offices
- PayIt mobile app
- Working group to address revenue concerns
 - NCDOR
 - NC Association of County Commissioners
 - NC League of Municipalities



Legislation



Legislation

Session Law 2018-5: Appropriations Act of 2018

Section 38.9(a) – Amends N.C.G.S. §105-395.1 - Effective July 1, 2017

- Adjusts weekend and holiday provision
- Includes tax office and USPS closures
- State/local government disaster declarations

Section 38.10(d) – Amends N.C.G.S. §105-282.1 – Effective June 12, 2018

- Establishes single exemption application
 - Charter schools
 - Qualifying mobile classrooms
 - Certain energy mineral interest properties
 - Lands held in trust for Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians



Legislation

Session Law 2018-95: PUV Changes

Amends N.C.G.S. §105-277.15 – Effective July 1, 2019

- Expands Wildlife PUV
 - Hunting and fishing reserves
 - Shooting
 - Wildlife observation
 - Wildlife activities
- Increases acreage cap to 800 acres for new designations



Session Law 2018-98: Violate Tax Law/Venue/Property Tax

Section 1 - Amends N.C.G.S. §105-275 – Effective July 1, 2019

• Exempts leasehold interest in exempt real property

Session Law 2018-114: Regulatory Reform Act of 2018

Section 25 - Amends N.C.G.S. §105-275 – Effective July 1, 2018

• Expands exemption of qualifying personal property and mobile classrooms of for profit charter schools

Legislation

Session Law 2018-113: NC Farm Act of 2018

Section 9 - Amends N.C.G.S. §106-741 – Effective June 27, 2018

- Land records must provide notice of certain farms
 - Poultry, swine, dairy, and other qualifying farms
 - Voluntary agricultural districts

Section 14 - Amends N.C.G.S. §105-317.1 – Effective July 1, 2019

• Counties must use DOR schedule if valuing farm equipment by cost

Section 15 - Amends N.C.G.S. §105-278.2(a) – Effective July 1, 2019

• No application, survey or plat required to exempt family cemeteries

Pending Legislation?

Senate Bill 153: Military Retiree State Income Tax Relief

Section 3(a) – Proposed Amendment of N.C.G.S. §105-277.1C

- Increase Disabled Veteran Homestead Exclusion from \$45,000 to \$100,000
- Proposed effective date is July 1, 2019

Section 3(b) - Proposed Addition N.C.G.S. §105-277.1E

- Create homestead exclusion for surviving spouses of emergency personnel officers killed in the line of duty
- Proposed effective date is July 1, 2019

Section 5 - Proposed Amendment of N.C.G.S. §105-278.2

- Exempts commercial property held for sale, rental or burial rights
- Proposed effective date is July 1, 2019



Questions?

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