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Property owners can attempt to lower value of their property

Franklin County residents must file Board of Revision complaints by March 31

COLUMBUS, Ohio (**Jan. 27, 2010**) – Franklin County property owners who feel their property value is too high may file an application to lower the value with the Board of Revision, Franklin County Auditor Clarence Mingo announced.

The Franklin County Board of Revision hears formal complaints on property valuations. Filing a complaint allows property owners to present their case before the Board of Revision, which is comprised of representatives from the offices of the County Auditor, Treasurer and County Commissioner.

Board of Revision complaints are currently being accepted until Wednesday, March 31, 2010. Applications can be found at www.franklincountyauditor.com. Property owners can submit applications in person, through the mail or via fax at 614-462-6252.

The burden of proof is on the property owner to show the value is incorrect. The Board of Revision also can increase the value and local school boards have the right to file counter complaints on respective cases.

“Evidence that can be used to assist property owners at the hearing include a recent sale of the property, a recent appraisal or sales of comparable homes,” Mingo said. “Property owners should be aware that the passage of any tax levy in their district or any change made to their property would be the only reason that someone’s taxes might have gone up since 2005.”

The Board of Revision will not accept a tax comparable that is used by the property owner as evidence in a complaint. The Ohio Supreme Court has ruled that tax comparables are not considered evidence of value through its decision in WJK Investments, Inc. v. Licking County Board of Revision (1996).

In the event a property owner is successful in reducing their property value, a refund of any overpayment of taxes collected based on the higher value will be refunded or credited to their upcoming tax bill.

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