

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

\$25,000 Tangible Personal Property Exemption

- **What is tangible personal property (TPP)?**

It is everything other than real estate that is used in a business. Examples of tangible personal property are furniture, fixtures, machinery, equipment, tools, signs, supplies and leased equipment.

- **How do I apply for the Tangible Personal Property Exemption?**

Under Amendment 1, effective January 1, 2008, an initial DR-405, tangible personal property tax return must be filed with the Property Appraiser's office by April 1st to receive the exemption. **The failure to file a tax return constitutes a failure to apply for the exemption.**

- **When must I file my TPP Tax Return?**

The deadline to file a TPP tax return without a penalty is April 1st.

- **If I file for an extension am I still eligible to receive the exemption?**

Yes, as long as the extension request is received by the Property Appraiser's office prior to April 1, 2009. [CLICK HERE](#) to download an extension request form.

- **How is the \$25,000 exemption applied?**

The exemption is applied to the first \$25,000 of taxable value on your tangible personal property assets.

- **Do I need to file for the exemption each year?**

The requirement to file an annual return in subsequent years will be waived unless the value of your TPP exceeds \$25,000 on January 1st.

- **How do I report my business equipment if the value exceeds \$25,000?**

Every business that has assets exceeding \$25,000 as of January 1st, must file a TPP tax return with the Property Appraiser's office by April 1st. Failure to file as required will result in the loss of the exemption and the assessment of penalties.

- **Do I file a return if the value of my business equipment is less than \$25,000?**

Once you have filed an initial return, as long as the value of your business assets does not exceed \$25,000, you are not required to file a return in subsequent years. You should receive a notice from this office indicating that you have been waived from filing a return for the current year UNLESS you have added assets which result in the value of your assets exceeding \$25,000 as of January 1st.

- **If I received a "waiver from filing" notice, but I've added new assets to my business what do I do?**

You must file a TPP tax return with the Property Appraiser's office by April 1st. You may contact our office to have a return mailed to you or [CLICK HERE](#) to download a TPP Tax Return.

For additional information, please contact the Tangible Personal Property Department at 941-742-5660.