

## DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILING KANSAS PERSONAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENT FORM for 2020

File a return in each county where you have taxable personal property located. **PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN THE ATTACHED FORM ON OR PRIOR TO MARCH 15, 2020 by mail or in person. Fax's and emails are not accepted.** Postmarks by USPS, Fed Ex & UPS will be accepted on or before March 15 however **METERED MAIL & COMPUTER GENERATED POSTAGE ARE NOT** an acceptable proof of an actual mailing date. Check this assessment form for a complete and correct listing of your personal property based on ownership January 1, 2020. If there is any information that is incorrect or not listed please make any corrections, additions, and deletions before returning to the County Appraisers office prior to **March 15.** Form **MUST BE SIGNED BY THE OWNER!** **If you receive more than one form please complete and return ALL forms that are received.** **For all personal property sold, please keep a bill of sale, as well as provide one to our office to make sure the property is removed accurately according to Kansas statutes.**

**\*\*IMPORTANT CHANGE FOR 2020\*\* ALL FORMS MUST BE SIGNED BY THE OWNER,** If there is a tax preparer or representative it must still be signed by the OWNER!

### For Individual Personal Property

Exemptions: Personal property not elsewhere classified (subclass 6) **whose purchase price is \$750 or less** is expressly exempt from taxation. **The County MUST be notified of the original purchase price in order to exempt this property from taxation and a bill of sale will be required. EXEMPTION DOES NOT APPLY TO MOBILE HOMES OR VEHICLES.** Gifts or below value purchase prices **may not** be automatically exempt from taxation. NOTE: The owner of record must notify the county appraiser of the sale or acquisition of any watercraft. The notification must be given on or before December 20<sup>th</sup>, so the value can be prorated for the number of months it is owned.

**\*\*BOAT OWNERS:** Beginning in 2014 all boats that were previously exempt due to purchase price **MAY NO LONGER BE EXEMPT** based on the legislative changes. Watercraft purchases less than \$750 **MAY** be exempt but an original bill of sale will be **REQUIRED** for the exemption to apply. Tax bills will be based on a lower assessment rate than other types of property. The assessment rate on watercraft for 2020 is 5%, but the minimum tax bill will be \$12.00 per boat (including 1 motor and 1 trailer).

### For Commercial Personal Property

Exemptions: Machinery and equipment with a **"retail cost when new"** of **\$1500 or less** is expressly exempt from taxation. IF USED when purchased this exemption **MAY** not apply. In addition, all machinery and equipment **acquired after June 30, 2006**, via a bona fide purchase or lease-purchase or is transported into the state for expansion of an existing business or creation of a new business is expressly exempt from taxation. MOTOR VEHICLES ARE NOT EXEMPT!

**COMMERCIAL TRUCKS & TRAILERS:** Based on changes made by the Kansas statutes all commercial trucks and trailers must have a DOT number and pay an annual vehicle fee to the state of Kansas in lieu of personal property taxes paid to the county. In order for commercial trucks and trailers to be removed from the Douglas County tax rolls for 2020 please provide your DOT number and notify the county with a list of vehicles that will be tagged and paid through the State of Kansas. If we are not notified of your DOT number the trucks and trailer will **NOT** be removed from the Douglas County tax rolls. For additional requirements and information please go to [www.truckingks.org](http://www.truckingks.org).

Note: By law, in order to promote uniform, equal and accurate assessments, all renditions filed are subject to review by the county appraiser for completeness and accuracy. For the same reason, the county appraiser will also take steps to discover non-filers. If additional lines are needed, attach supplemental schedules or computer printouts with the same information.

RETURN TO: Douglas County Appraisers Office  
Personal Property  
1100 Mass. St. Unit 1, Lawrence, KS 66044