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Craven County Tax Assessor Sends Hurricane Florence Damage Information Form to Property Owners Impacted by Hurricane Florence

NEW BERN, N.C. – The Craven County Tax Assessor’s Office sent letters and damage information forms to 4,620 property owners in Craven County with real property damage from the effects of Hurricane Florence. The letters were sent on December 28, 2018 to assist tax payers with reporting damages and improvements as part of the annual tax listing process.

“We are charged with valuing the property in its condition on January 1, 2019 whether that value is a decrease or an increase. Our goal is to get the correct value for all properties,” stated Ronnie Antry, Craven County Tax Administrator.

North Carolina General Statute 105-309(c)(4) requires any change to real property having a value in excess of \$100 since January 1, 2018 be reported and described in writing to the county assessor in January 2019 during the regular listing period. Damage assessment records post-Hurricane Florence indicated more than 5,000 properties were damaged with the September 2018 hurricane.

“While it is likely some of the minor damages have been repaired or replaced prior to the January 1, 2019 assessment date, we realize many of those properties more severely impacted may not be fully restored and others may have been affected such that they may not be repaired. Craven County wants to ensure those damages are taken into consideration with the 2019 value assessment,” Antry stated.

Property owners who receive the damage information form are asked to complete and return it to the Craven County Tax Assessor’s office no later than January 31, 2019. Once the damage information form is received, the Craven County Tax Assessor’s office will make a site visit to assess the property and mail a notice of the change in value, if any. “If this information is not received from property owners, we may not accurately assess their real property for tax year 2019. Once the board of equalization and review adjourns in June 2019, property owners’ rights to appeal the assessment will end for that year,” said Antry.

Craven County property owners whose real property was still damaged from Hurricane Florence as of January 1, 2019 who did not receive a damage information form from the Tax Assessor’s Office should go online to complete the form at <https://bit.ly/2VQdzV0> or contact the Craven County Tax Assessor’s Office as soon as possible at 252-636-6640 or florence2018@cravencountync.gov.

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