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CHAPTER 1
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND TAXATION

63-105. POWERS AND DUTIES-GENERAL.

In addition to all other powers and duties vested in it, the state tax commission shall have the power and duty:

- (1) To assess and collect all taxes and administer all programs relating to taxes which are the responsibility of the state tax commission.
- (2) To make, adopt and publish such rules as it may deem necessary and desirable to carry out the powers and duties imposed upon it by law, provided however, that all rules adopted by the state tax commission prior to the effective date of this 1996 amendatory act shall remain in full force and effect until such time as they may be rescinded or revised by the commission.
- (3) To maintain a tax research section to observe and investigate the effectiveness and adequacy of the revenue laws of this state and to assist the executive and legislative departments in estimation of revenue, analysis of tax measures and determination of the administrative feasibility of proposed tax legislation.
- (4) To prescribe forms and to specify and require information with relation to any duty or power of the state tax commission except as provided in section 63-219, Idaho Code.
- (5) To ensure that statutory penalties are enforced, and proper complaint is made against persons derelict in duty under any law relating to assessment or equalization valuation of taxes.
- (6) To sue and be sued in the name of the state tax commission.
- (7) To summon witnesses to appear before it or its agents to testify and/or produce for examination such books, papers, records or other data relating to any matter within its jurisdiction. However, no person shall be required to testify outside the county wherein he resides or the principal place of his business is located. Such summons to testify shall be issued and served in like manner as a subpoena to witnesses issued from the district court and shall be served without fee or mileage charge by the sheriff of the county, and return of service shall be made by the sheriff to the commission. Persons appearing before the commission or its agents in obedience to such a summons, shall, in the discretion of the commission, receive the same compensation as witnesses in the district court, to be paid upon claims presented against the state from any appropriation made for the administration of the provisions of this title, in the same manner as other claims against the state are presented and paid.
- (8) To administer oaths and take affirmations of witnesses appearing before it. The power to administer oaths and take affirmations is vested in each member of the state tax commission, and its duly constituted agents. In case any witness shall fail or refuse to appear and testify before the state tax commission or its agents upon being summoned to appear as herein provided, the clerk of the district court of the county shall, upon demand of the state tax commission, any member thereof, or agent, issue a subpoena reciting the demand therefor and summoning the witness to appear and testify at a time and place fixed; and violation of such subpoena or disobedience thereto shall be deemed and punished as a violation of any other subpoena issued from the district court.
- (9) To report to the governor from time to time, and to furnish to the governor such assistance and information as may be required.
- (10) To recommend to the governor in a report at least sixty (60) days before and to the legislature ten (10) days prior to the meeting of any regular session of the legislature such amendments, changes and modifications of the various tax laws necessary to remedy injustice and irregularities in taxation and to facilitate assessment valuation and collection of taxes in the most economical and efficient manner.

63-105A. POWERS AND DUTIES-PROPERTY TAX.

- The state tax commission shall be the state board of equalization valuation In addition to other powers and duties vested in it, the state tax commission shall have the power and duty:
- (1) To supervise and coordinate the work of the several county boards of equalization valuation.
- (2) To secure, tabulate and keep records of valuations of all classes of property throughout the state, and for that purpose, to have access to all records and files of state offices and departments and county and municipal offices, and to require all public officers and employees whose duties make it possible to ascertain valuations, including valuations of public utilities for rate-making purposes, to file reports with the state tax commission, giving such information as to valuation and the source thereof. The nature and kind of the tabulations, records of valuations and requirements from public officers as stated herein, shall be in such form and cover such valuations as the state tax commission may prescribe.
- (3) To coordinate and direct a system of property taxation throughout the state.
- (4) To require all accordents valuation of property in this state to be made according to law; and for that purpose to correct, when it finds the same to be erroneous, any accoments valuation made in any county, and require correction of the county accordingly.
- (5) To prescribe forms and to specify and require information with relation to any duty or power of the state tax commission except as provided in section 63-219, Idaho Code.
- (6) To instruct, guide, direct and assist the county assessors and county boards of equalization Valuation as to the methods best calculated to secure uniformity in the

- assessment and equalization Valuation of property taxes, to the end that all property shall be assessed valued and taxed as required by law.
- To reconvene, whenever the state tax commission may deem necessary, any county board of equalization Valuation, notwithstanding the limitations of chapter 5, title 63, Idaho Code, for equalization Valuation purposes and for correction of errors. The county board of equalization Valuation, when so reconvened shall have no power to transact any business except that for which it is specially reconvened, or such as may be brought before it by the state tax commission.
- (8) To require prosecuting attorneys to institute and prosecute actions and proceedings in respect to penalties, forfeitures, removals and punishments for violations of law in connection with the assessment valuation and taxation of property. It shall be the duty of such officers to comply promptly with the requirements of the state tax commission in that relation.
- To require individuals, partnerships, companies, associations and corporations to furnish such information as the state tax commission may require concerning their capital, funded or other debt, current assets and liabilities, value of property, earnings, operating and other expenses, taxes and all other facts which may be needed to enable the state tax commission to ascertain the value and the relative tax burden borne by all kinds of property in the state, and to require from all state and local officers such information as may be necessary to the proper discharge of the duties of the state tax commission.
- (10) To visit, as a state tax commission or by individual members or agents thereof, whenever the state tax commission shall deem it necessary, each county of the state, for the investigation and direction of the work and methods of assessment valuation and equalization, and to ascertain whether or not the provisions of law requiring the assessment valuation of all property, not exempt from taxation, and just equalization Valuation of the same have been or are being properly administered and enforced.
- (11) To carefully examine all cases where evasion or violation of the laws of assessment valuation and taxation of property is alleged, complained of, or discovered, and to ascertain wherein existing laws are defective or are improperly or negligently administered.
- (12) To correct its own errors in property assessment valuation at any time before the first Monday in November, and report such correction to the county auditor and county tax collector, who shall thereupon enter the correction upon the operating property roll.
- (13) To apportion annually to the state and the respective counties any moneys received by the state from the United States or any agency thereof, as payments in lieu of property taxes; provided, that said moneys shall be apportioned in the same amounts, and to the same governmental divisions as the property taxes, in lieu of which payments are made, would be apportioned, if they were levied. The state treasurer and the state controller shall be bound, in making distribution of moneys so received, by the apportionment ordered by the state tax commission.
- (14) Repealed To make administrative construction of property tax law whenever necessary or requested by any officer acting under such laws and until judicially overruled, such administrative construction shall be binding upon the inquiring officer and all others acting under such laws.
- (15) Repealed To require the attendance of any assessor in the state at such time and place as may be designated by the commission, and the actual and necessary expenses of any assessor in attending any such meeting shall be a legal claim against his county.
- (16) Repealed To analyze the work of county assessors at any time and to have and possess all rights and powers of such assessors for the examination of persons and property, and for the discovery of property subject to taxation; and if it shall ascertain that any taxable property is omitted from the property rolls or is not assessed or valued according to law, it shall bring the same to the attention of the assessor of the proper county in writing, and if such assessor shall neglect or refuse to comply with the request of the state tax commission to place such property on the property rolls, or correct such incorrect assessment or valuation, the tax commission shall have the power to prepare a supplemental roll, which supplemental roll shall include all property required by the tax commission to be placed on the property roll and all corrections to be made. Such supplement shall be filed with the assessor's property roll, and shall thereafter constitute an integral part thereof to the exclusion of all portions of the original property rolls inconsistent therewith, and shall be submitted therewith to the county board of equalization.
- (17) Repealed To provide a program of education and an annual appraisal school for its employees, for county commissioners and for the assessors of the various counties of this state. Additionally, the state tax commission shall provide for the establishment of a property tax appraiser certification program. Such program shall include, as a minimum, a written examination prepared, administered and graded under the supervision and control of an examination committee; such committee is to be composed as the state tax commission may provide by rule. The state tax commission's rules shall include, but need not be limited to, the following:

(a) The composition of the examination committee, provided however, that the committee shall include a representative of the counties, an agent of the state tax commission and a representative of a professional appraisal association within this state. The representative of the counties together with the representatives of such professional appraisal association shall constitute a majority of the committee.

(b)The frequency with which the examination shall be given.

(c)A reasonable review procedure by which examinees having complaints may seek review of the examination committee.

(d)The establishment of a reasonable period of time within which a county appraises must meet the certification requirements as a condition to continued employment by the county as a certified property tax appraises.

- (19) Repealed To report at least quarterly to the revenue and taxation committee of the house of representatives and to the joint senate finance house appropriations committee on its program to assist the counties with the property tax assessments.
- (19) Repealed To transmit to the governor and to the legislature, an annual report, with the state tax commission's recommendations as to such legislation as will correct or eliminate defects in the operations of the property tax laws and will equalize taxation within the state. Said annual report shall include a comprehensive study of the property tax laws and detailed statistical information concerning the operation of the property tax laws of this state. Said report shall be submitted prior to the meeting of any regular session of the legislature.
- (20) Repealed To maintain a forest land and forest product tax section to perform the functions and duties of the state tax commission under the provisions of chapter 17, title 63, Idaho Gode.

63-109. Repealed - EQUALIZATION BY CATEGORIES IDENTIFICATION AND REASSESSMENT.

63-110. Repealed PROPERTY AND SPECIAL TAXES.

63 112 Repealed PAYMENTS FOR ASSISTANCE WITH PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT.

CHAPTER 2 DEFINITIONS-GENERAL PROVISIONS

63-201. DEFINITIONS.

- As used for property tax purposes in title 63, chapters 1 through 23, Idaho Code, the terms defined in this section shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates another meaning:
- (1) "Appraisal" means an estimate of property value. for property tax purposes.
- (a) Repealed For the purpose of estimated property value to place the value on any assessment roll, the value estimation must be made by the assessor or a certified property tax appraiser.
- (b)Repealed For the purpose of estimating property value to present for an appeal filed pursuant to sections 63 501A, 63 407 and 63 409, Idaho Code, the value estimation may be made by the assessor, a certified property tax appraiser, a licensed appraiser, or a certified appraiser or any party as specified by law.
- (2) "board of Contractors" means a board of three licensed contractors and two laypersons to review any disputed new construction value". To be appointed by the board of County Commissioners.
- ( $\frac{23}{2}$ ) "Bargeline" means those water transportation tugs, boats, barges, lighters and other equipment and property used in conjunction with waterways for bulk transportation of freight or ship assist.
- (34) "Cogenerators" means facilities which produce electric energy, and steam or forms of useful energy which are used for industrial, commercial, heating or cooling purposes.
- (45) "Collection costs" are amounts authorized by law to be added after the date of delinquency and collected in the same manner as property tax.
- (56) "Delinquency" means any property tax, special assessment, fee, collection cost, or charge collected in the same manner as property tax that has not been paid in the manner and within the time limits provided by law.
- (67) "Improvements" means all buildings, structures, fixtures and fences erected upon or affixed to the land, and all fruit, nut-bearing and ornamental trees or vines not of natural growth, growing upon the land, except nursery stock.
- (48) "Late charge" means a charge of two percent (2%) of the delinquency.
- (<u>99</u>) "Lawful money of the United States" means currency and coin of the United States at par value and checks and drafts which are payable in dollars of the United States at par value, payable upon demand or presentment.
- (910) "Manufactured home" means a structure defined as a manufactured home in section 39-4105, Idaho Code.
- "Market value" means the amount of United States dollars or equivalent for which, in all probability, a property would exchange hands between a willing seller, under no compulsion to sell, and an informed, capable buyer, with a reasonable time allowed to consummate the sale, substantiated by a reasonable down or full cash payment.

  Additionally it is the market value determined by the county commissioners sitting as a board of equalization during the last week of November 2004 through the first week of December 2004 and subsequently added to the tax rolls January 2005. The tax rolls of January 2005 shall be the determining factor of all property within the state prior to January 01, 2005. New purchases, builds or improvements after that date shall be considered at subsequent "true market value".
- "Operating property" means all rights-of-way accompanied by title; roadbeds; tracks; pipelines; bargelines; equipment and docks; terminals; rolling stock; equipment; power stations; power sites; lands; reservoirs, generating plants, transmission lines, distribution lines and substations; and all immovable or movable property operated in connection with any public utility, railroad or private railcar fleet, wholly or partly within this state, and necessary to the maintenance and operation of such road or line, or in conducting its business, and shall include all title and interest in such property, as owner, lessee or otherwise. The term does not include personal property exempt from taxation pursuant to section 63-602L, Idaho Code.
- (1213) "Party in interest" means a person who holds a properly recorded mortgage, deed of trust or security interest.
- (1314) "Person" means any entity, individual, corporation, partnership, firm, association, limited liability company, limited liability partnership or other such entities as recognized by the state of Idaho.
- (1415) "Personal property" includes all goods, chattels, stocks and bonds, equities in state lands, easements, reservations, leasehold real properties and all other property which

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- the law defines, or the courts may interpret, declare and hold to be personal property under the letter, spirit, intent and meaning of the law, for the purposes of property taxation. For the purposes of payment and collection of property taxes pursuant to chapter 9, title 63, Idaho Code, collection of delinquency pursuant to chapter 10, title 63, Idaho Code, and seizure and sale of personal property for taxes pursuant to chapter 11, title 63, Idaho Code, presonal property includes manufactured homes not declared as real property pursuant to section 63-304, Idaho Code.
- (1516) "Private railcar fleet" means railroad cars or locomotives owned by, leased to, occupied by or franchised to any person other than a railroad company operating a line of railroad in Idaho or any company classified as a railroad by the interstate commerce commission and entitled to possess such railroad cars and locomotives except those possessed solely for the purpose of repair, rehabilitation or remanufacturing of such locomotives or railroad cars.
- (1617) "Public utility" means electrical companies, pipeline companies, natural gas distribution companies, or power producers included within federal law, bargelines, and water companies which are under the jurisdiction of the Idaho public utilities commission. The term also includes telephone corporations, as that term is defined in section 62-603, Idaho Code, except as hereinafter provided, whether or not such telephone corporation has been issued a certificate of convenience and necessity by the Idaho public utilities commission.
- This term does not include cogenerators, mobile telephone service or companies, nor does it include pager service or companies, except when such services are an integral part of services provided by a certificated utility company nor does the term "public utility" include companies or persons engaged in the business of providing solely on a resale basis, any telephone or telecommunication service which is purchased from a telephone corporation or company.
- (1718) "Railroad" means every kind of railway, whether its line of rails or tracks be at, above or below the surface of the earth, and without regard to the kind of power used in moving its rolling stock, and shall be considered to include every kind of street railway, suburban railway or interurban railway excepting facilities established solely for maintenance and rebuilding of railroad cars or locomotives.
- (1819) "Real property" means land, and all standing timber thereon, including standing timber owned separately from the ownership of the land upon which the same may stand, except as modified in chapter 17, title 63, Idaho Code, and all buildings, structures and improvements, or other fixtures of whatsoever kind on land, including water ditches constructed for mining, manufacturing or irrigation purposes, water and gas mains, wagon and turnpike toll roads, and toll bridges, and all rights and privileges thereto belonging, or any way appertaining, all quarries and fossils in and under the land, and all other property which the law defines, or the courts may interpret, declare and hold to be real property under the letter, spirit, intent and meaning of the law, for the purposes of property taxation. Manufactured homes constitute real property when located on taxable land, and after a statement of intent to declare as real property has been recorded, provided said statement has not been revoked. Timber, forest, forest land, and forest products shall be defined as provided in chapter 17, title 63, Idaho Code.
- (1920) "Record owner" means the person or persons in whose name or names the property stands upon the records of the county recorder's office. Where the record owners are husband and wife at the time of notice of pending issue of tax deed, notice to one (1) shall be deemed and imputed as notice to the other spouse.
- "Special assessment" means a charge imposed upon property for a specific purpose, collected and enforced in the same manner as property taxes.
- (2122) "System value" means the true market value for assessment purposes of the operating property when considered as a unit.
- (2223) "Tax code area" means a geographical area made up of one (1) or more taxing districts with one (1) total levy within the geographic area, except as otherwise provided by law.
- "Taxing district" means any entity or unit with the statutory authority to levy a property tax.
- (24) Repealed "Taxable value" means market value for assessment purposes, less applicable exemptions or other statutory provisions.
- "Transient personal property" is personal property, specifically such construction, logging or mining machinery and equipment which is kept, moved, transported, shipped, hauled into or remaining for periods of not less than thirty (30) days, in more than one (1) county in the state during the same year.
- (26) "True market value" the sum at which a piece of property has changed hands or cost of building such property which includes the land that such building resides after January 01, 2005.
- (27)"Value" is the total of all considerations, expressed in dollars, which defines the price at which a willing seller and a willing buyer agree to transfer title.
- (28) "Warrant of distraint" means a warrant ordering the seizure of personal property to enforce payment of property tax, special assessment, expense, fee, collection cost or charge collected in the same manner as personal property tax.
- 63-203. ALL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO PROPERTY TAXATION.
- All property within the jurisdiction of this state, not expressly exempted, is subject to appraisal, assessment and property taxation.
- 63-204. CLASSES OF PROPERTY.
- For the purpose of assessment and property taxation, all property within the jurisdiction of this state is hereby classified as follows:
- 328 Class 1. Real Property,
  - Class 2. Personal Property, and

Class 3. Operating Property.

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63-205. Repealed -ASSESSMENT MARKET VALUE FOR ASSESSMENT PURPOSES.

63-206. LIEN OF PROPERTY TAXES.

- All property taxes levied upon real property shall be a first and prior lien upon the real property assessed therefor, and shall only be discharged by the payment or cancellation of the property taxes as provided in this title.
- (2) In addition, all property taxes levied upon personal property or operating property shall be a first and prior lien upon that property and the personal, operating or real property of the same owner thereof, whether the property is exempt from execution or not, and no personal property or operating property of any kind shall be exempt from such lien, except as otherwise provided by law. Such lien shall attach as of the first day of January in that year, or as of the date of entry into the state, or as of the date the property became subject to property taxation, and shall be discharged only by the payment or cancellation of the property taxes as provided in this title.
- Property tax liens shall be perpetual and continuous on all personal, operating and (3) real property.
- (4)It shall be unlawful for any person, corporation or other owner of real property to destroy the lien of taxes provided for in this section by removing any improvements therefrom or cutting and removing the standing timber thereon without the payment of all delinquencies upon such real property, and property taxes for the year in which such improvements or timber are removed. The lien upon any such improvements or timber shall continue after such improvements have been removed or the timber cut from such real property. Such taxes shall be due and collectible immediately upon the commencement of the severance and unless paid upon the demand of the tax collector it shall be the duty of the county attorney to commence an action for the collection of such taxes in the district court of the county in which the property is situated. Such improvements or timber may be levied upon and sold in the same manner as is now provided by law for the sale of real property upon execution, and the county or any taxing unit affected may maintain an action in the proper court for injunction to restrain the removal of any improvements or the cutting or removal of standing timber from any real property against which there are any unpaid property

63-207.Repealed ASSESSMENT OF PROPERTY.

63-208. RULES PERTAINING TO TRUE MARKET VALUE-DUTY OF ASSESSORS.

- It shall be the duty of the state tax commission to prepare and distribute to each county assessor and the county commissioners within the state of Idaho, rules prescribing and directing the manner in which true market value for assessment valuation purposes is to be determined for the purpose of taxation. The rules nulgated by the state tax commission shall require each assessor to find market value for assessment purposes of all property, except that expressly exempt under chapter 6, title 63, Idaho Code, within his county according to recognized appraisal methods and techniques as set forth by the state tax commission; provided, that the actual and functional use shall be a major consideration when determining market value for assessment purposes.
- (2) To maximize uniformity and equity in assessment of different categories of property, such rules shall, to the extent practical, require the use of reproduction or replacement cost less depreciation as opposed to historic cost less depreciation is considered as a single or one (1) of several factors in establishing the market value of depreciable property. The state tax commission shall also prepare and distribute amendments and changes to the rules as shall be necessary in order to of this title. The rules shall be in carry out the intent and purposes commission shall direct, and shall be made available upon request to other public officers and the general public in reasonable quantities without charge of either "market value" or "true market value" as defined in Section 201 of Title 63 Idaho Code. In ascertaining the true market value for assessment purposes of any item of property, the assessor of each county shall, and is required to, abide by, adhere to and comform with to rules promulgated by the state tax commission section 1313 of the Title 63 of the Idaho Code.

CHAPTER 3 ASSESSMENT OF REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY

63-301. Repealed TIME OF ASSESSMENT PROPERTY BOLL, SUBSEQUENT PROPERTY ROLL AND MISSES

63-301A. NEW CONSTRUCTION ROLL.

- The county assessor shall prepare a new construction roll, which shall be in addition to the property roll, which new construction roll shall show:
  - (a) The name of the taxpayer;
  - (b) The description of the new construction, suitably detailed to meet the requirements of the individual county;
  - (c) A description of the land and its change in use, suitably detailed to meet the needs of the individual county;
  - (d) The amount of taxable true mmarket value added to the property on the property roll that is directly the result of new construction or a change in use of the land or both.
- (2) As soon as possible, but in any event by no later than the first Monday in June, the new construction roll shall be certified to the county auditor and a listing showing the amount of value on the new construction roll in each taxing district or unit be forwarded to the state tax commission on or before the fourth Monday in July. Provided

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however, the value shown in subsection (3)(f) of this section shall be reported to the appropriate county auditor by the state tax commission by the third Monday in July and the value sent by the county auditor to each taxing district. The value established pursuant to subsection (3)(f) of this section is subject to correction by the state tax commission until the first Monday in September and any such corrections shall be sent to the appropriate county auditor, who shall notify any affected taxing districts.

- (3) The value shown on the new construction roll may include the value increase from:
  - (a) Construction of any new structure that previously did not exist; or
  - (b) Additions or alterations to existing nonresidential structures; or
  - (c) Installation of new or used manufactured housing that did not previously exist within the county; or

#### Repealed (d) Change of land use classification; or

- (ed) Property newly taxable as a result of loss of the exemption provided by section 63-602W, Idaho Code; or
- The construction of any improvement or installation of any equipment used for or in conjunction with the generation of electricity and the addition of any improvement or equipment intended to be so used, except property that has a value allocated or apportioned pursuant to section 63-405, Idaho Code, or that is owned by a cooperative or municipality, as those terms are defined in section 61-332A, Idaho Code, or that is owned by a public utility, as that term is defined in section 61-332A, Idaho Code, owning any other property that is allocated or apportioned. No replacement equipment or improvements may be included; or
- (g)Repealed Increases in value over the base value of property on the base assessment roll within an urban renewal revenue allocation area that has been terminated pursuant to section 50-2909(4), Idaho Code, to the extent—that this increment has not been previously included on any new construction rolls, provided however, the increased value during the existence of the revenue allocation area is due to changes identified in subsections (a) through (e) of this subsection.
- (4) True cost of The construction, the amount of taxable market value of new construction shall be the change in net taxable market value that is attributable directly to new construction or a change in use of the land or loss of the exemption provided by section 63 602W(3), Idaho Gode contracted construction cost or the cost of material plus a competitive hourly rate and time for construction. It shall not include any change in value of existing property that is due to external market forces such as general or localized inflation.

#### 63-302. LIST OF TAXABLE PERSONAL PROPERTY.

- The assessor shall leave at the office, place of business or residence of each personal property owner, or mail to such personal property owner at his last known post office address, a form with notice requiring such personal property owner to make a correct list of taxable personal property. Every personal property owner so required shall enter a true and correct statement of such personal property and the ownership thereof, which statement shall be signed and verified by the oath of the personal property owner or his agent listing such personal property, and shall be delivered to the assessor, not later than March 15. The assessor shall thereupon determine the true market value for assessment valuation purposes of such personal property and enter the same on the property roll. However, if for any reason the assessor shall fail to contact such personal property owner, the failure shall not impair or invalidate any assessment-valuation, nor will such failure relieve the personal property owner or his agent of the responsibility to obtain such declaration and to comply with the requirements of this title. Any willful failure to personally contact each personal property owner, shall be deemed malfeasance in office and grounds for the removal of the assessor from office.
- (2) If such person fails to make and deliver the list as required, the assessor may list and assess such personal property according to his best judgment and information.
- Whenever a taxpayer's list of taxable personal property discloses personal property having a situs for purposes of taxation in another county in this state, the assessor must immediately make a copy of that portion of such list for each county in which such personal property is situated, and transmit the same by mail to the assessor of the proper county, who must, upon receipt of such copy, enter such personal property upon the property roll therein, unless such personal property has already been entered. The assessor shall strike from the original list all personal property so disclosed as having a situs in another county, and shall assess and enter only the balance of the personal property in his county.
- (4) Pursuit of Payment in lieu of Taxes (PILT)

It shall be a perpetual goal of Idaho to obtain PILT from all Federal Agencies.

63-303. ASSESSMENT OF MANUFACTURED HOMES.

Manufactured homes shall be assessed valued as other residential housing and such assessments valuations shall be entered on the property roll.

63-307. OWNERSHIP IDENTIFICATION.

- (1) The assessor shall ascertain the current ownership of land from documents recorded in the county recorder's office and/or from evidence of ownership furnished to the assessor which is admissible at trial in a civil action pursuant to section 54-103, Idaho Code.
- Whenever any person is the owner of, or has contracted to purchase, either an undivided or defined portion of any real property assessed valued as a whole, such owner or purchaser, upon producing his deed, contract or other muniment of title, to the assessor at any time before the assessor has completed the assessment valuation for that year, may have such assessment valuation changed and corrected accordingly.

- (3) No mistake in the name of the owner or failure to designate such owner shall in any manner affect the validity of the assessment or tax lien.
- (4) If the ownership of any property is not known, such property must be assessed in the name of "unknown owner,"

### 63-308. VALUATION ASSESSMENT NOTICE TO BE FURNISHED TAXPAYER.

- The valuation assessment notice required under the provisions of this chapter shall be delivered to the taxpayer, or to his agent or representative, or mailed to the taxpayer, or to his agent or representative at his last known post office address no later than the first Monday in June. The original valuation assessment notice so mailed or delivered must contain notices of all meetings of the board of equalization valuation prescribed by this title for the purposes of equalizing assessments of property, and for granting exemptions from taxation. The notice shall, in clear terms, inform the taxpayer of the assessment value for assessment purposes of his property for the current year, and his right to appeal to the county board of equalization valuation. The state tax commission may require that other data or information be shown on the form.
- (2) In case any changes or corrections are made by the assessor from the original valuation assessment notice, the assessor shall immediately deliver or mail a corrected valuation assessment notice to the taxpayer, or his agent or representative.
- (3) If the taxpayer is one other than the equitable titleholder, such as an escrowee, trustee of trust deed or other third party, the taxpayer shall deliver to the equitable titleholder a true copy of the valuation assessment notice on or before the second Monday in June.
- (4) For property entered and assessed on the subsequent property roll pursuant to section 63-311, Idaho Code, the valuation assessment notice shall be delivered to the taxpayer, his agent or representative, or mailed to the taxpayer, or to his agent or representative at his last known post office address as soon as possible after it is prepared, but not later than the fourth Monday in NovemberOctober.
- (5) For property entered and assessed on the missed property roll pursuant to section 63-311, Idaho Code, the valuation assessment notice shall be delivered to the taxpayer, his agent or representative, or mailed to the taxpayer, or to his agent or representative at his last known post office address as soon as possible after it is prepared, but not later than the first Monday of January of the following year.

#### 63-310. COMPLETION AND DELIVERY OF PROPERTY ROLL.

The assessor must certify the completion of the property roll on or before the fourth Monday of June in each year, and must, on or before that date, deliver the completed property roll, together with all claims for exemptions from assessment or taxation to the clerk of the board. The property roll and claims for exemptions must remain in the office of the clerk until the second Monday of July for the inspection of all persons interested.

# 63-311. COMPLETION AND DELIVERY OF SUBSEQUENT AND MISSED PROPERTY ROLLS.

- (1) The assessor shall assess all personal property and all improvements to real property except as otherwise provided in section 63-317, Idaho Code, which have been completed or Any property discovered between the fourth Monday of June and the fourth Monday of November October and which were not included on the property roll delivered on the fourth Monday of June, such valuations shall be entered on the subsequent property roll to be delivered to the clerk of the board on the fourth Monday of November October of the current year.
- (2) If other real or personal property is discovered and assessed between the fourth Monday of November October and December 31<sup>st</sup>, it shall be assessed and emtered on the missed property roll to be delivered to the clerk of the board on the first Monday of January of the following year.
- Personal property coming into the state from without the state after the first day of January shall be assessed as of the date of its entry into the state as follows; if before the first day of April, for its full true market value for assessment purposes; if on the first day of April and before the first day of July, for three-fourths (3/4) of its full true market value for assessment purposes; if on the first day of July and before the first day of October, for one-half (1/2) of its full true market value for assessment purposes; and if on the first day of October and on or before the thirty-first day of December, for one-fourth (1/4) of its full true market value for assessment purposes, and the taxes so levied thereupon shall be a first and prior lien on such property from the date of its entry into the state so assessed, and upon all other personal or real property, belonging to the same owner, and no personal property of any kind shall be exempt from such lien.

# 63-312. AFFIDAVIT TO COMPLETED ROLL-EFFECT OF FAILURE TO MAKE AFFIDAVIT.

- The county assessor, at the time of delivery of the property roll, subsequent property roll or missed property roll to the clerk of the board, must subscribe an affidavit that the property roll, subsequent property roll or missed property roll is, to the best of his knowledge and ability, a true and complete statement of true market value for assessment purposes of all property subject to appraisal by him and that he has faithfully complied with all the duties imposed upon him under law.
- Failure by the assessor to make the affidavit shall not affect the validity of any appraisal valuation emtered on the property roll, subsequent property roll or missed property roll. The making of such affidavit, however, is declared to be a duty pertaining to the office of the assessor, and when the same is to be made by the deputy assessor it shall be the duty of the assessor to have the same properly made. In every case where the said affidavit is omitted from any assessment roll as

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643 644 completed as aforesaid, the board of county commissioners must require the assessor to make the same, or have the same made by the deputy assessor, and upon refusal or neglect of such assessor to supply such affidavit forthwith, the chairman of the board of county commissioners must immediately file in the district court in the county any information, in writing, verified by his oath, charging such assessor with refusal or neglect to perform the official duties pertaining to his office, and thereupon he must be proceeded against as in such cases provided by law.

63-314-Repealed COUNTY VALUATION PROGRAM TO BE CARRIED ON BY ASSESSOR.

63 315-Repealed ASSESSMENT RATIOS AND THE DETERMINATION OF ADJUSTED MARKET VALUE FOR ASSESSMENT PURPOSES FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

63-316-Repealed ADJUSTMENT OF ASSESSED VALUE COMPLETION OF ASSESSMENT PROGRAM BY STATE TAX COMMISSION PAYMENT OF COSTS.

63-317. Repealed OCCUPANCY TAX PROCEDURES.

CHAPTER 5 EQUALIZATION OF ASSESSMENTS

#### RECONCSIDERATION OF VALUATION

63-501. MEETING OF COMMISSIONERS AS A BOARD OF EQUALIZATION VALUATION.

- (1) The county commissioners of each county shall convene as a board of equalization valuation at least once in every month of the year up to the fourth Monday of June for the purpose of equalizing the assessments reconsidering valuation of property on the property roll and shall meet on the aforesaid date in each year:
- (a) To complete the equalization of assessments on all property which has not yet been equalized;
  - (ba) To grant, allow or deny applications for exemption from property tax valuation; and
  - (eb) To hear appeals of assessment valuation of property transactions or improvements which are received on or before the end of each county's normal business hours on the fourth Monday of June.
- Upon meeting to complete the equalization of assessments reconsideration of valuation, the board of equalization valuation shall continue in session from day to day until equalization of the assessments valuation of such property has been completed and shall also hear and determine complaints upon allowing or disallowing exemptions under chapter 6, title 63, Idaho Code. The board of equalization valuation must complete such business and adjourn as a board of equalization valuation on the second Monday of July, provided that the board of equalization valuation may adjourn any time prior to the aforesaid date when they have completed all of the business as a board of equalization valuation.
  - The county assessor or his designee shall attend all meetings of the county commissioners in session as a board of equalization valuation and he may make any statements or introduce testimony and examine witnesses on questions before the board of equalization valuation relating to the essessmentsvalues.
- (2) The county commissioners of each county in this state shall meet as a board of equalization valuation on the fourth first Monday of November October in each year for the purpose of:
  - (a)Repealed Equalizing the assessments of all property entered upon the subsequent
  - (ba) Determining complaints and hearing appeals in regard to the <u>assessmentvaluation</u> of such property;
    - (eb) Allowing or disallowing exemptions and cancellations claimed under the provisions of this title affecting the assessment valuation or taxation of property entered upon the rolls, and having a settlement with the assessor and tax collector.
- The board of equalization valuation shall complete its business and adjourn on or before the first last Monday of December October in each year, but if other personal or real property is discovered and assessed after the subsequent board of equalization valuation has adjourned, and is entered on the missed property roll, the taxpayer may appeal that assessment valuation to the county commissioners meeting as a board of equalization valuation, for the purposes stated in subsection (2)(a), (b) and (c) of this section, during its monthly meeting in January of the following year, provided however, that said meeting must be no sooner than the first Monday in January.

# 63-501A. TAXPAYER'S RIGHT TO APPEAL.

- (1) Taxpayers may file an appeal of an assessment valuation with the county board of equalization. An appeal shall be made in writing on a form provided by the county board of equalization valuation or assessor and must identify the taxpayer, the property which is the subject of the appeal and the reason for the appeal. An appeal of an assessment listed on the property roll must be filed on or before the end of the county's normal business hours on the fourth Monday of June. An appeal of an assessment valuation listed on the subsequent property roll must be filed on or before the end of the county's normal business hours on the fourth third Monday of November September. An appeal of an assessment valuation listed on the missed property roll must be filed on or before the board of equalization valuation adjourns on the day of its January meeting. The board of equalization valuation may consider an appeal only if it is timely filed.
- (2) Appeals from the county board of equalization valuation shall be made pursuant to section 63-511, Idaho Code.
- 63-502. FUNCTION OF BOARD OF EQUALIZATION VALUATION ON ASSESSMENTS.
- The function of the board of equalization valuation shall be confined strictly to assuring that the market value for assessment purposes valuation of property has been found by the assessor, and to the functions provided for in chapter 6, title 63, Idaho Code,

relating to exemptions from taxation. It is hereby made the duty of the board of equalization valuation to enforce and compel a proper classification and accessment valuation of all property required under the provisions of this title to be entered on the property rolls, and in so doing, the board of equalization valuation shall examine the rolls and shall raise or cause to be raised, or lower or cause to be lowered, the accessment value of any property which in the judgment of the board has not been properly accessed valued. The board of equalization valuation must examine and act upon all complaints filed with the board in regard to the accessed valuevaluation of any property entered on the property rolls and must correct any accessment valuation improperly made. The taxpayer shall have the burden of proof in seeking affirmative relief to establish that the determination of the assessor is erroneous, including any determination of accessed value. A preponderance of the evidence shall suffice to sustain the burden of proof.

63-503. NEW AND ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENTS VALUATION.

- (1)Repealed The board of equalization, during its assaions, must direct and require the assessor to assess any property required by this title to be entered upon the property rells, which is known to have escaped assessment, and in ease any assessment of property made by the assessor is deemed by the board of equalization to be so incomplete or inaccurate as to render doubtful the collection of the taxes thereon, the said board must direct the assessor to make a new assessment of such property, in which case the defective assessment shall be eaneclied.
- (2) All changes in assessments valuation and all new assessments ordered by the board of equalization shall be entered on the property rolls, under the direction of the clerk of the board, and any assessment valuation so changed or entered has the same force and effect as if made and entered by the assessor before the completion of the property rolls.
- The county commissioners meeting as a board of equalization valuation shall make no reduction in the assessment valuation of any property when, according to the notation made by the assessor upon the roll, the owner, or his agent or representative, has refused to make the sworn taxpayer's declaration required of him or has willfully concealed, removed, transferred, misrepresented or failed to list such property for the purpose of evading taxation, unless it is shown to the satisfaction of the board that such notation by the assessor is erroneous or false.

Taxes upon personal property, where the owners of such personal property are owners of real property in the county, which have not been paid on or before the accord Monday of October, and which the board of county commissioners finds to be a lien upon the real property, may be certified to the county auditor and the tax collector. Such taxes, together with all costs, late charges and interest must be entered by the county tax collector upon the property roll against the real property subject to such lien. The tax collector shall immediately notify the property owner of any such taxes which have been added. Such action shall result in cancellation of the taxes and late charges on the personal property roll for the personal property subject to the delinquency.

63-505. PRODUCTION OF EVIDENCE BY COUNTY OFFICIALS AND OTHERS.

The board of equalization valuation may require the attendance of any county officer or deputy, who must furnish the board with any information which may be had from the records in his office and which the board may deem necessary in equalizing—the appearments valuation, and may also subpoens witnesses and hear evidence in all matters relating to the appearent valuation of property, and may arbitrarily appeared determine the value of the property of any person refusing to appear or testify, and any appearment valuation so made shall be conclusive on all questions of appearent valuation in any court or proceeding.

63-506. NOTICE TO TAXPAYER OF NEW ASSESSMENTS VALUATIONS AND CHANGES.

The board of equalization valuation must, before taking final action in equalizing evaluating the assessed value of the property of any person refusing to appear and testify, or in increasing the assessed value of any property, notify the owner thereof, or his agent or representative, of its intention to do so, and require such person to appear forthwith before the board and make objection, if he has any. The board may direct the notice to be served personally upon the owner, or his agent or representative; or, it may direct the clerk to serve the notice by mail, addressed to such owner, or his agent or representative, at his last known post office address. In the case of service by mail, the board of equalization valuation shall not take final action until five fifteen (15) working days after the mailing of such notice, unless the owner, or his agent, or representative, shall sooner appear. If the owner is one other than the equitable titleholder, such as an escrowee, trustee of trust deed or other third party, the owner shall, within ten (10) working days, deliver to the equitable titleholder a true copy of the notice from the board of equalization valuation.

63-507. RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS.

The clerk of the board must record in the official minutes all proceedings of the county commissioners relating to the equalization valuation of accessments property, the allowance of exemptions, and all changes, corrections and orders made by the board of equalization valuation, and the names of all persons who have appeared before the board of equalization valuation and who have been heard upon matters affecting the accessment valuation of property.

63-508. COMPLETION OF PROPERTY ROLL AFTER EQUALIZATION valuation.

As soon as the county auditor receives the certified statements prescribed in section 63-111, Idaho Code, he shall cause to be entered all changes and corrections made by the state tax commission in the processments—valuations upon the property tax roll. The county auditor shall enter upon the operating property roll all processments of operating property under the jurisdiction of the state tax commission in his county, and made by the state tax commission in adjusting the valuations among the taxing districts in accordance with the certified statement of the chairman of the state tax commission. The auditor shall enter the total equalized adjusted values and show the amount, and reasons for any exemptions which have been allowed by the county

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commissioners, and shall thereafter enter the total <u>equalized adjusted</u> values for taxation on the property rolls. The auditor shall then add up the total equalized values, amounts of exemption and total equalized values for taxation, and enter the total in the property rolls.

63-509. DELIVERY OF ROLLS TO COUNTY AUDITOR-ABSTRACTS OF ROLLS.

- On or before the second Monday of July the board of equalization valuation must deliver the property rolls, with all changes, corrections and additions and exemptions from taxation entered therein, to the county auditor. It shall be the duty of the county auditor to cause to be prepared the roll for delivery to the county tax collector on or before the first Monday of NovemberSeptember. It shall be the duty of the county auditor to cause to be prepared a total of the amount and value of each category of property and prepare an abstract of all the property entered upon the roll in the manner and form required by the state tax commission. Such forms must show, but need not be limited to, the true market value for accessment purposes of all property by categories, and the exemptions from taxation allowed by categories. Any abstracts needed by and prepared for the state tax commission must be delivered by certified mail to the state tax commission by the fourth Monday of July. The value of exemptions will be shown and identified for exemptions granted pursuant to chapters 20 and 29, title 50, Idaho Code, for the value in excess of the equalized accessment valuation as shown on the base assessment roll in any revenue allocation area, and sections 63 6026, 63 602K, 63-602P, 63-602PA, 63-602X, 63-602BB and 63-602CC, Idaho Code, as well as the net taxable value for each of the categories. The abstracts shall be prepared and duly verified and must show a correct classification of all the property in accordance with the classification of such property upon the property roll, and all matters and things required to be shown upon the abstracts must be entered.
- (2) The subsequent property roll shall be delivered to the county auditor as soon as possible after the <u>first\_last\_Monday in DecemberOctober</u>. The county auditor shall deliver the subsequent property roll to the county tax collector without delay.
- (3) The missed property roll shall be delivered to the county auditor as soon as possible, but no later than the first Monday in March of the succeeding year. The county auditor shall deliver the missed property roll to the county tax collector without delay.
- (4) The county auditor must cause to be prepared abstracts of the combined subsequent and missed property rolls as prescribed in subsection (1) and submit the abstracts by certified mail to the state tax commission on or before the first Monday in March of the succeeding year.

#### 63-510. NOTIFICATION OF VALUATION DUE TO STATE TAX COMMISSION.

- (1) Prior to the first Monday of August the auditor of each county in the state shall notify the state tax commission of the net taxable value of all property situated within each taxing unit or district in the county from the property roll for the current year and shall provide an estimate of the net taxable value for each taxing unit or district from the current year's estimated subsequent and missed property rolls. Such notification shall also include an estimate of the net taxable value within any area annexed during the immediate prior year to any taxing unit or district.
- (2) Prior to the first Monday of March the auditor of each county in the state shall notify the state tax commission of the net taxable value of all property situated within each taxing unit or district in the county from the subsequent and missed property rolls. Such notification shall also include an estimate of the net taxable value within any area annexed during the immediate prior year, and listed on the subsequent or missed property roll, to any taxing unit or district.
- (3) The notification required in subsections (1) and (2) of this section shall be on forms prescribed and provided by the state tax commission and shall list separately the value exempt from property taxation in accordance with section 63 602G, Idaho Code, and the value in excess of the equalized assessment valuation as shown on the base assessment valuation roll in any revenue allocation area, pursuant to chapters 20 and 29, title 50, Idaho Code.
- (4) For the purposes of this section, "taxing district," as defined in section 63-201(22), Idaho Code, shall include each incorporated city in each county, regardless of whether said city certifies a property tax budget.

# 63-511. APPEALS FROM COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION valuation.

- (1) Any time within thirty (30) days after mailing of notice of a decision of the board of equalization valuation, or pronouncement of a decision announced at a hearing, an appeal of any act, order or proceeding of the board of equalization valuation, or the failure of the board of equalization valuation to act may be taken to the board of tax appeals. Such appeal may only be filed by the property owner, the assessor, the state tax commission or by a person aggrieved when he deems such action illegal or prejudicial to the public interest. Nothing in this section shall be construed so as to suspend the payment of property taxes pending said appeal.
- Notice of such appeal stating the grounds therefor shall be filed with the county auditor, who shall forthwith transmit to the board of tax appeals a copy of said notice, together with a certified copy of the minutes of the proceedings of the board of equalization valuation resulting in such act, order or proceeding, or a certificate to be furnished by the clerk of the board that said board of equalization valuation has failed to act in the time required by law on any complaint, protest, objection, application or petition in regard to assessment valuation of the complainant's property, or a petition of the state tax commission. The county auditor shall also forthwith transmit all evidence taken in connection with the matter appealed. The county auditor shall submit all such appeals to the board of tax appeals within thirty (30) days of being notified of the appeal or by no later than October 1, whichever is later. The board of tax appeals may receive further evidence and will hear the appeal as provided in chapter 38, title 63, Idaho Code.
- (3) Any appeal that may be taken to the board of tax appeals may, during the same time period, be taken to the district court for the county in which the property is located.

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In any appeal taken to the board of tax appeals or the district court pursuant to this section, the burden of proof shall fall upon the party seeking affirmative relief to establish that the valuation from which the appeal is taken is erroneous, or that the board of equalization valuation erred in its decision regarding a claim that certain property is exempt from taxation, the value thereof, or any other relief sought before the board of equalization valuation. A preponderance of the evidence shall suffice to sustain the burden of proof. The burden of proof shall fall upon the party seeking affirmative relief and the burden of going forward with the evidence shall shift as in other civil litigation. The board of tax appeals or the district court shall render its decision in writing, including therein a concise statement of the facts found by the court and the conclusions of law reached by the court. The board of tax appeals or the court may affirm, reverse, modify or remand any order of the board of equalization valuation, and shall grant other relief, invoke such other remedies, and issue such orders in accordance with its decision, as appropriate.

#### CHAPTER 6 EXEMPTIONS FROM TAXATION

63-601. ALL REAL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION.

All property within the jurisdiction of this state, not expressly exempted, is subject to 
assessment and taxation.

63-602. PROPERTY EXEMPT FROM TAXATION.

- (1) Property shall be exempt from taxation as provided in this chapter; provided, that no deduction shall be made in assessment valuation of shares of capital stock of any corporation or association for exemptions claimed under this section, and provided further, that the term "full cash value" wherever used in this act shall mean the actual assessed value of the property as to which an exemption is claimed.
- The use of the words "exclusive" or "exclusively" in this chapter shall mean used exclusively for any one (1) or more, or any combination of, the exempt purposes provided hereunder and property used for more than one (1) exempt purpose, pursuant to the provisions of sections 63-602A through 63-602Z, Idaho Code, shall be exempt from taxation hereunder so long as the property is used exclusively for one (1) or more or any combination of the exempt purposes provided hereunder.
- (3) All exemptions from property taxation claimed under this chapter Title 63 of the Idaho Code shall be approved annually by the county board of equalization valuation.

# 63-602A. PROPERTY EXEMPT FROM TAXATION—GOVERNMENT PROPERTY.

- (1) The following property is exempt from taxation: property belonging to the United States, except when taxation thereof is authorized by the congress of the United States, this state, or to any county or municipal corporation or school district within this state.
- (2) However, inventory property acquired under agricultural credit programs of the consolidated farm service agency of the United States department of agriculture shall be subject to taxation as other property in the county.
- (3) However, unimproved real property of more than ten (10) contiguous acres owned in fee simple by the department of fish and game shall be subject to a fee in lieu of property taxes contingent upon the following conditions and requirements:
  - (a) The fee in lieu of property taxes shall not exceed the property tax for the property at the time of acquisition by the department of fish and game, unless the property tax rate for the property shall have been increased.
  - (b) The department shall determine and identify the parcels of property and their current use as qualified under the provisions of this act. The department shall consult with the appropriate county treasurer and determine the fee to be paid on the property and credited continuously to the county current expense fund. The fee shall be an amount equal to the property tax the property would generate if valued as agricultural property.
  - (c) Any future increase in the fee paid in lieu of property taxes shall be determined by the amount of property taxes the property would generate if assessed valued as agricultural property. The increase may be determined by the department working cooperatively with the appropriate sounty assessor. The method used for determining the fee that would be due on department property is to be used only under this subsection and has no other application in any other section of the Idaho Code.
  - (d) The department shall then provide to the assessor of the county where the parcels are located on or before the second Monday of March each year, a listing identifying each parcel of unimproved property by legal description, size and amount of the fee for the preceding calendar year. The treasurer shall prepare and submit a billing for payment based on this information to the department. Once the fee has been determined, payment shall be made by June 20 of that year from moneys appropriated for that purpose. However, if the fees exceed the moneys appropriated for that purpose, the director of the department of fish and game shall calculate the percent reduction that must be made and certify the proportionate reduction to each county treasurer.
  - (e) For the purpose of this section only, unimproved real property shall mean property on which no homesite or improved site is located, and homesite or improved site shall mean any buildings, structures, or fixtures which have been erected or affixed to the land and the necessary acreage required to utilize the homesite or improved site as determined by the county assessor shall be exempt. For purposes of this subsection only, roads or fences shall not be considered as improvements.
- 63-602C. PROPERTY EXEMPT FROM TAXATION—FRATERNAL, BENEVOLENT, OR CHARITABLE CORPORATIONS OR SOCIETIES.
- The following property is exempt from taxation: property belonging to any fraternal, benevolent, or charitable corporation or society, the World War veteran organization buildings and memorials of this state, used exclusively for the purposes for which

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978 979 such corporation or society is organized; provided, that if any building or property belonging to any such corporation or society is leased by such owner or if such corporation or society uses such property for business purposes from which a revenue is derived which, in the case of a charitable organization, is not directly related to the charitable purposes for which such charitable organization exists, then the same shall be assessed valued and taxed as any other property, and if any such property is leased in part or used in part by such corporation or society for such purposes the assessor shall determine the value of the entire building and the value of the part used or leased for commercial purposes. If the value of the part used for commercial purposes is determined to be three percent (3%) or less than the value of the entirety, the whole of said property shall remain exempt. If the value of the part used for commercial purposes is determined to be more than three percent (3%) of the value of the entirety, the assessor shall assess value such proportionate part of such building including the value of the real estate as is so leased or used for such purposes, and shall assess value the trade fixtures used in connection with the sale of all merchandise; provided however, that the lease or use of any property by any such corporation or society for athletic or recreational facilities, residence halls or dormitories, meeting rooms or halls, auditoriums or club rooms within the purposes for which such corporation or society is organized, shall not be deemed a business or commercial purpose, even though fees or charges be imposed and revenue derived therefrom.

63-602D. PROPERTY EXEMPT FROM TAXATION-CERTAIN HOSPITALS.

- (1) For the purposes of this section, "hospital" means a hospital as defined by chapter 13, title 39, Idaho Code, and includes one (1) or more acute care, outreach, satellite, outpatient, ancillary or support facilities of such hospital whether or not any such individual facility would independently satisfy the definition of hospital.
- (2) The following property is exempt from taxation: the real property owned and personal property, including medical equipment, owned or leased by a hospital corporation which is operated as a hospital and the necessary grounds used therewith.
- (3) If real property, not currently exempt from taxation, is being prepared for use as a hospital, the value of the bare land only shall be taxed while the property is being prepared for use as a hospital. All improvements to and construction on the real property, while it is being prepared for use as a hospital, shall be exempt from taxation. For purposes of this section, property is being "prepared for use as a hospital" if the corporation has begun construction of a hospital project as evidenced by obtaining a building permit that will, on completion, qualify such property for an exemption and, as of the assessment date, has not abandoned the construction. Construction shall not be considered abandoned if it has been delayed by causes and circumstances beyond the corporation's control or when delay is caused by an event that has occurred in the absence of the corporation's willful neglect or intentional acts, omissions or practices engaged in by the corporation for the purpose of impeding progress. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in no event shall improvements to property that is being prepared for use as a hospital qualify for an exemption from ad valorem property tax under this subsection for more than three (3) consecutive tax years; upon completion of construction and obtaining a certificate of occupancy, the entire real property shall be exempt from taxation if the corporation meets the requirements of subsection (4) of this section; provided, property already exempt or eligible for exemption shall not be affected by the provisions of this subsection.
- (4) The corporation must show that the hospital:
  - (a) Is organized as a nonprofit corporation pursuant to chapter 3, title 30, Idaho Code, or pursuant to equivalent laws in its state of incorporation;
  - (b) Has received an exemption from taxation from the Internal Revenue Service pursuant to section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- (5) The board of equalization valuation shall grant an exemption to the property of any hospital corporation meeting the criteria provided in subsection (4) of this section.
- (6) If a hospital corporation uses property for business purposes from which revenue is derived which is not directly related to the hospital corporation's exempt purposes, then the property shall be assessed valued and taxed as any other property. If property is used in part by a hospital corporation for such purposes, then the assessor shall determine the value of the entire property and the value of the part used that is not directly related to the hospital corporation's exempt purposes. If the value of the part which is not directly related to the hospital corporation's exempt purposes is determined to be three percent (3%) or less than the value of the entire property, then the property shall remain exempt. If the value of the part which is not directly related to the hospital corporation's exempt purposes is determined to be more than three percent (3%) of the value of the entire property, then the assessor shall assess value the proportionate part of the property, including the value of the real estate used for such purposes.
- A hospital corporation issued an exemption from property taxation pursuant to this section and operating a hospital having one hundred fifty (150) or more patient beds shall prepare a community benefits report to be filed with the board of equalization valuation by December 31 of each year. The report shall itemize the hospital's amount of unreimbursed services for the prior year (including charity care, bad debt, and underreimbursed care covered through government programs); special services and programs the hospital provides below its actual cost; donated time, funds, subsidies and in-kind services; additions to capital such as physical plant and equipment; and indication of the process the hospital has used to determine general community needs which coincide with the hospital's mission. The report shall be provided as a matter of community information. Neither the submission of the report nor the contents shall be a basis for the approval or denial of a corporation's property tax exemption.

63-602E. PROPERTY EXEMPT FROM TAXATION-PROPERTY USED FOR SCHOOL OR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES.

(1) The following property is exempt from taxation: all property used exclusively for nonprofit school or educational purposes, property used for charter school purposes, and all property from which no profit is derived and which is held or used exclusively for endowment, building or maintenance purposes of schools or educational institutions.

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If property is used primarily for charter school purposes and for business purposes from which a revenue is derived, which revenue is not related to the educational purpose for which the charter school exists, the assessor shall determine the value of the entire property, of the part used for charter school purposes, and of the part used for such unrelated business purposes. The portion of the building used for charter school purposes and for business and administration of the charter school shall be exempt from taxation.

63-602G.Repealed PROPERTY EXEMPT FROM TAXATION REGIDENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS.
63-602H.Repealed VALUE OF REGIDENTIAL PROPERTY IN GERTAIN ZONED AREAS.
63-602K.Repealed PROPERTY EXEMPT FROM TAXATION SPECULATIVE PORTION OF VALUE OF ACRICULTURAL

- 63-602S. PROPERTY EXEMPT FROM TAXATION-FRUITS AND VEGETABLES HELD FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION, AND SEEDS, SHIPPED OUT OF THE STATE.
- (1) Any person, firm or corporation engaged in the storing or processing of fruits or vegetables held for human consumption or shipment of seeds out of the state must file a full declaration of such property as of the assessment valuation date with the county assessor. On any processed product, thereof, or seeds, in the hands of farmers, producers, or of a processor, or while being transported to or held in storage in a public or private warehouse structure, the board of equalization valuation of the county in which the assessment valuation was made, at its meeting on the first Monday of December as provided by law for equalizing the assessment valuation of personal property on the subsequent personal property assessment valuation roll, shall cancel such assessment valuation in whole or proportionate part on receipt of sufficient documentary proof that the personal property so assessed valuated was actually sold and transported or shipped to another point outside the state of Idaho on or before December 1 of the current year of assessment-valuation. No such cancellation shall be made unless such proof be is furnished to said board on or before such meeting in such year.
- (2) Public warehousing is the storing of personal property by any person, firm or corporation regularly engaged in the business of storing such property for hire.
- (3) Private warehousing is the storage of personal property by any person, firm or corporation which is carrying on the activity of warehousing or storing such property only in the operation of his or its own business.
- (4) This exemption shall only apply to private storage from and after a notice, describing by address and physical premises, is filed with the county assessor, which notice shall be filed annually.
- 63-602W. BUSINESS INVENTORY EXEMPT FROM TAXATION—BUSINESS INVENTORY THAT IS A COMPONENT OF REAL PROPERTY THAT IS A SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING.
- The following property is exempt from property taxation: business inventory. For the purpose of this section, "business inventory" means all items of tangible personal property or other property described as:
- (1) All livestock, fur-bearing animals, fish, fowl and bees.
- (2) All nursery stock, stock-in-trade, merchandise, products, finished or partly finished goods, raw materials, and all forest products subject to the provisions of chapter 17, title 63, Idaho Code, supplies, containers and other personal property which is held for sale or consumption in the ordinary course of the taxpayer's manufacturing, farming, wholesale jobbing, or merchandising business.
- Residential improvements never accupied. Once residential improvements are occupied a defined in section 63-317, Idaho Code, they shall be subject to the tax provided by section 63-317, Idaho Code. The provisions of section 63-6027, Idaho Code, shall not apply to the exemption provided by this subsection. The exemption provided by this subsection applies only to improvements to real property, and only until first occupied. For purposes of this section, the term "residential improvements" means only:
  - (a) Single family residences; or
  - (b) Residential townhouses; or
  - (c) Residential condominium units.
- The nonresidential portion of an improvement to real property that is used or is to be used for residential and nonresidential purposes does not qualify for the exemption provided by this section. If an improvement contains multiple residential units, each such unit shall lose the exemption provided in this section when it becomes occupied.
- 63-602X. PROPERTY EXEMPT FROM TAXATION—CASUALTY LOSS.
- (1) The following property is exempt from taxation: real and personal property which has been damaged by an event causing casualty loss to all or a portion of the property. The board of equalization valuation on a case-by-case basis shall determine whicher to grant an exemption.
- An exemption granted under this section shall be for the year in which the real or personal property has been damaged or destroyed. Claimants seeking exemption under this section must apply to the county board of equalizationvaluation. The application must be in writing on a form provided by the county and must identify the claimant, the date of the casualty loss, and the property that has been damaged or destroyed. The application must be filed on or before the end of the county's normal business hours on the fourth Monday of June of the year in which the casualty loss occurred. If an exemption is granted, the value of the property subject to taxation shall be

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calculated by dividing the number of days in the year prior to the casualty loss by the number of days in the year and multiplying the resulting quotient by the true market value of the property less any applicable exemptions, as of 12:01 a.m. on the first day of January of the tax year.

(2) The county board of equalization valuation shall decide whether to grant such claim for exemption on or before the second Monday of July of the year in which the claim is filed. If granted, either in whole or in part, the county board of equalization valuation shall order all necessary adjustments made in the property roll.

#### 63-602Y. PROPERTY EXEMPT FROM TAXATION-EFFECT OF CHANGE OF STATUS.

- If any property, real or personal, which is exempted from taxation on the first day of January shall thereafter have a changed status during the year, either by change in ownership or otherwise, in a manner that if the changed status had existed on the first day of January the property would have been taxable at that time, then the property shall be assessed valued in the following manner: if before the first day of February the true market value, if before the first day of March eleven twelfths of its true market value if before the first day of April ten twelfths of its true market value, if before the first day of May nine twelfths of its true market value, if before the first day of June eight twelfths of its true market value, if before the first day of August six twelfths of its true market value, if before the first day of September five twelfths of its true market value, if before the first day of October four twelfths of its true market value, if before the first day of November three twelfths If any property, real or personal, which is exempted from taxation on the first day of (1)twelfths of its true market value, if before the first day of November three twelfths of its true market value, if before the first day of December two twelfths of its true market value, if before the first day of January one twelfths of its true market value, changed before the first day of April, for assessment purposes; if on the first day of April and before the first day of July then for three fourths (3/4) of its full market value for assessment purposes; if on the first day of July and before the first day of October, then for one half (1/2) of its full market value for assessment purposes; and if the status changed on or after the first day of October, then for one fourth (1/4) of its full market value for sament purposes. However, if the changed status results from the leasing or rental of property normally constituting business inventory, the same shall be subject to property tax only for the period it is so leased or rented and upon its return to business inventory shall again be exempt. Each owner of such property shall, on the first Monday of November of each year, file with the assessor for the home county of the owner with a copy for every other county involved, a statement listing and sufficiently identifying such property, the counties where it was situated and the periods of the preceding twelve (12) calendar months during which the property was leased or rented within each county.
- (2) At the time of filing such statement with the assessor of his home county, the owner of such leased or rented property shall provide such assessor with a copy for every other county involved.
- (3) The assessor of such home county shall ascertain the portion of said preceding twelve (12) calendar months during which such property was leased or rented in the home county and shall enter such property upon the subsequent or missed property roll and the tax collector of the home county shall compute and collect the property tax thereon. The assessor shall indorse the full true market value for assessment taxation purposes of each item of such property upon copies of the statement and the owner of the property shall, within five (5) days, furnish an indorsed copy of the owner's statement to the assessor of each county of the state wherein such property was located during the lease or rental period, and each such other county assessor shall likewise assess and the tax collector shall collect the property taxes due for the portion of the preceding twelve (12) calendar months the leased or rented property was situate in their county.
- (4) The property taxes due thereon shall be a first and prior lien upon such property and all real and personal property of the owner thereof within the state until all property taxes due have been paid.

# 63-602AA. PROPERTY EXEMPT FROM TAXATION—EXCEPTIONAL SITUATIONS.

- (1) The following property is exempt or partially exempt from taxation: real and personal property belonging to persons who, because of unusual circumstances which affect their ability to pay the property tax, should be relieved from paying all or part of said tax in order to avoid undue hardship, which undue hardship must be determined by the board of equalization aluation.
- (2) An exceptional value exemption granted under this section shall be for the current tax year only and property exempted hereunder shall continue to be listed and assessed valued for the ensuing tax years as other property.
- (3) Claimants seeking exemption under this section must apply each year to the board of equalization valuations and such claim must be submitted by June 20 of the current year. The board of equalization valuation must consider and act on all such claims no later than the second Monday of July.
- Each person claiming such exemption shall give a sworn statement containing full and complete information of his financial status to such board and shall make true answers to all questions propounded in writing, or otherwise, touching such person's right to the exemption claimed. The chairman of the board shall have authority to administer oaths to each person appearing as a claimant for such exemption and in addition to such examination each claimant shall subscribe to and swear that his answers to questions propounded on written forms to be prescribed by the state tax commission are true, and which sworn statement shall be kept and filed by the clerk of the county board of equalizational particle. The board may, in its discretion and for good cause shown, allow an agent or some person acting for and on behalf of the claimant to make the claim for exemption for any claimant in the manner herein provided, or where a person unable to make such sworn statement, his wife, widow, guardian or personal representative, or other person having knowledge of the facts, may make such sworn statement in his stead.

(5) The county board of equalization valuation shall decide and determine from each examination and from each written claim for exemption whether or not such person is entitled to the exemption claimed or to any part thereof, and shall make a record thereof accordingly.

#### 63-602BB. PARTIAL EXEMPTION FOR REMEDIATED LAND.

- (1) During the tax year 1997 and each year thereafter, a site as defined in section 39-7203, Idaho Code, and qualifying under chapter 72, title 39, Idaho Code, shall be eligible for property tax exemption not to exceed seven (7) years.
- "Remediated value" shall mean true market value for assessment purposes of the land on January 1, less the true market value for assessment purposes of the land on the January 1 prior to the year in which the remediation was completed.
- (3) The exemption shall amount to fifty percent (50%) of the remediated land value. The exempted value assessed under this formula shall remain constant throughout the period of the exemption.
- (4) The exemption allowed by this section may be granted only if:
  - (a) The covenant not to sue as provided in section 39-7207, Idaho Code, remains in full force and effect for the entire period of exemption;
  - (b) The site remains in the possession of the owner for the entire exemption period.
- (5) The exemption allowed by this section may be rescinded if:
  - (a) The covenant not to sue as provided in section 39-7207, Idaho Code, is rescinded by the department;
  - (b) The site is transferred to a new owner.
- (6) The owner need only make application for the exemption described in this section once over the course of the seven (7) year period.
- (7) No owner of a site shall be granted the exemption provided in this section if said site has been:
  - (a) Previously granted the exemption provided in this section regardless of whether the entire seven (7) years of the exemption have been used;
  - (b) Denied by the department as a qualifying site pursuant to chapter 72, title 39, Idaho Code.
- (8) The legislature declares this exemption to be necessary and just.
- 63-602CC. PROPERTY EXEMPT FROM TAXATION—QUALIFIED EQUIPMENT UTILIZING POSTCONSUMER WASTE OR POSTINDUSTRIAL WASTE.
- The following property is exempt from taxation: qualified equipment utilizing postconsumer waste or postindustrial waste used to manufacture products. This exemption shall be granted only if the list of all taxable personal property as described in section 63-302, Idaho Gode, is submitted by the property owner or the agent thereof to the assessor most later tham March 15 of each year. Additionally, the requirements of subsection (3) of this section shall be met.
- (2) As used in this section:
  - (a) "Postconsumer waste" or "postindustrial waste" means only those products and materials consisting of metals, paper, glass or plastic generated by businesses or consumers which have served their intended end use or usefulness and either have been or would normally be disposed of as solid waste except for the fact that they are separated from solid waste for purposes of collection, recycling or reuse. "Postconsumer waste" or "postindustrial waste" shall not include radioactive waste, as defined in subsection (4)(g) of section 63-3029D, Idaho Code, or hazardous waste, as defined in chapter 44, title 39, Idaho Code.
  - (b) "Product" means any material resulting from a manufacturing process and offered for sale to the private or public sector which is composed of at least fifty percent (50%) postconsumer waste or postindustrial waste. "Product" does not include any shredded material unless such shredded material is incorporated directly into the manufacturing process.
  - (c) "Qualified equipment" means machinery or equipment located within Idaho which has at least an estimated three (3) years useful life and at least ninety percent (90%) of the total actual production from the equipment during the previous calendar year utilized postconsumer waste or postindustrial waste. "Qualified equipment" shall not include any machinery or equipment which is used for the collection, as defined herein, of postconsumer waste or postindustrial waste. As used in this section "collection" means:
    - (i) The acquisition of materials from businesses or the general public through purchase or donation, including the organization of systems for such acquisitions;
    - (ii) The preparation of materials for over-the-road transportation through cleaning, densification by shredding, baling, or any other method, or coalescence, including the organization of systems for such preparation; or
    - (iii) The transportation of postconsumer waste or postindustrial waste between separate geographical locations, including the movement of materials around the manufacturing site.
- On the list of taxable personal property required by subsection (1) of this section, the property owner, or agent thereof, shall identify all qualified equipment, and all machinery and equipment that does not meet the definitions of qualified equipment.
- The property owner, or agent thereof, shall also report use of all qualified equipment, on forms prescribed by the state tax commission.

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- (4) The county assessor may request additional information of the company to verify the basis of the exemption claimed in this section.
  - (5) The legislature declares that this exemption is necessary and just.

63-602FF.Repealed PARTIAL EXEMPTION FOR PARCELS OF LAND IN A RURAL HOME SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAT.
63-602GG.Repealed PROPERTY EXEMPT FROM TAXATION LOW-INCOME HOUSING OWNED BY NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS.

63-602HH-Repealed PROPERTY EXEMPT FROM TAXATION SIGNIFICANT CAPITAL INVESTMENTS.
[63-602HH-Repealed PROPERTY EXEMPT FROM TAXATION UNUSED INFRASTRUCTURE.

63-604. LAND ACTIVELY DEVOTED TO AGRICULTURE DEFINED.

- (1) For property tax purposes, land which is actively devoted to agriculture shall be eligible for appraisal, assessment valuation and taxation as agricultural property each year it meets one (1) or more of the following qualifications:
  - (a) The total area of such land, including the homesite, is more than five (5) contiguous acres, and is actively devoted to agriculture which means:
    - (i) It is used to produce field crops including, but not limited to, grains, feed crops, fruits and vegetables; or
    - (ii) It is used to produce nursery stock as defined in section 22--2302(11), Idaho Code; or
    - (iii) It is used by the owner for the grazing of livestock to be sold as part of a for-profit enterprise, or is leased by the owner to a bona fide lessee for grazing purposes; or
    - (iv) It is in a cropland retirement or rotation program.
  - (b) The area of such land is five (5) contiguous acres or less and such land has been actively devoted to agriculture within the meaning of subsection (1)(a) of this section during the last three (3) growing seasons; and
    - (i) It agriculturally produces for sale or home consumption the equivalent of fifteen percent (15%) or more of the owner's or lessee's annual gross income; or
    - (ii) It agriculturally produced gross revenues in the immediately preceding year of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or more. When the area of land is five (5) contiguous acres or less, such land shall be presumed to be nonagricultural land until it is established that the requirements of this subsection have been met.
- (2) Land shall not be classified or valued as agricultural land which is part of a platted subdivision with stated restrictions prohibiting its use for agricultural purposes, whether within or without a city.
- (3) Land utilized for the grazing of a horse or other animals kept primarily for personal use or pleasure rather than as part of a bona fide for-profit enterprise shall not be considered to be land actively devoted to agriculture.
- Land actively devoted to agriculture, having previously qualified for exemption under this section in the preceding year, or which would have qualified under this section during the current year, shall not lose such qualification due to the owner's or lessee's absence in the current year by reason of active military service in a designated combat zone, as defined in section 112 of the Internal Revenue Code. If an owner fails to timely apply for exemption as required in this section solely by reason of active duty in a designated combat zone, as defined in section 112 of the Internal Revenue Code, and the land would otherwise qualify for exemption under this section, then the board of county commissioners of the county in which the land actively devoted to agriculture is located shall refund property taxes, if previously paid, in an amount equal to the exemption which would otherwise have applied.
- (5) As used in this section:
  - (a) "Contiguous" means being in actual contact or touching along a boundary or at a point, except no area of land shall be considered not contiguous solely by reason of a roadway or other right-of-way; and
  - (b) "For-profit" means the enterprise will, over some period of time, make or attempt to make a return of income exceeding expenses.

63-696A. Repealed SMALL EMPLOYER CROWTH INCENTIVE EXEMPTION.

CHAPTER 7 PROPERTY TAX RELIEF

63-701. DEFINITIONS.

As used in this chapter:

- "Claimant" means a person who has filed a claim under the provisions of sections 63-701 through 63-710, Idaho Code. Except as provided in section 63-702(2), Idaho Code, on January 1, or before April 15, of the year in which the claimant first filed a claim on the homestead in question, a claimant must be an owner of the homestead and on January 1 of said year a claimant must be:
  - (a) Not less than sixty-five (65) years old; or
  - (b) A child under the age of eighteen (18) years who is fatherless or motherless or who has been abandoned by any surviving parent or parents;

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- (c) A widow or widower; or
- (d) A disabled person who is recognized as disabled by the social security administration pursuant to title 42 of the United States Code, or by the railroad

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- retirement board pursuant to title 45 of the United States Code, or by the office of management and budget pursuant to title 5 of the United States Code; or
- (e) A disabled veteran of any war engaged in by the United States, whose disability is recognized as a service-connected disability of a degree of ten percent (10%) or more, or who has a pension for nonservice-connected disabilities, in accordance with laws and regulations administered by the United States department of veterans affairs; or
- (f) A person, as specified in 42 U.S.C. 1701, who was or is entitled to receive benefits because he is known to have been taken by a hostile force as a prisoner, hostage or otherwise; or
- (g) Blind.
- "Homestead" means the dwelling, owner occupied by the claimant as described in this chapter and used as the primary dwelling place of the claimant and may be occupied by any members of the household as their home, and so much of the land surrounding it, not exceeding one (1) acre, as is reasonably necessary for the use of the dwelling as a home. It may consist of a part of a multidwelling or multipurpose building and part of the land upon which it is built. "Homestead" does not include personal property such as furniture, furnishings or appliances, but a manufactured home may be a homestead.
- (3) "Household" means the claimant and the claimant's spouse. The term does not include bona fide lessees, tenants, or roomers and boarders on contract. "Household" includes persons described in subsection (8)(b) of this section.
- "Household income" means all income received by the claimant and, if married, all income received by the claimant's spouse, in a calendar year.
- "Income" means the sum of federal adjusted gross income as defined in the Internal Revenue Code, as defined in section 63-3004, Idaho Code, and to the extent not already included in federal adjusted gross income:
  - (a) Alimony;
  - (b) Support money;
  - (c) Nontaxable strike benefits;
  - (d) The nontaxable amount of any individual retirement account, pension or annuity, (including railroad retirement benefits, all payments received under the federal social security act except the social security death benefit as specified in this subsection, state unemployment insurance laws, and veterans disability pensions and compensation, excluding rollovers as provided in section 402 or 403 of the Internal Revenue Code);
  - (e) Nontaxable interest received from the federal government or any of its instrumentalities or a state government or any of its instrumentalities;
  - (f) Worker's compensation; and
  - (g) The gross amount of loss of earnings insurance.
- It does not include capital gains, gifts from nongovernmental sources or inheritances. To the extent not reimbursed, the cost of medical care as defined in section 213(d) of the Internal Revenue Code, incurred or paid by the claimant and, if married, the claimant's spouse, may be deducted from income. To the extent not reimbursed, personal funeral expenses, including prepaid funeral expenses and premiums on funeral insurance, of the claimant and claimant's spouse only, may be deducted from income up to an annual maximum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) per claim. "Income" does not include veterans disability pensions received by a person described in subsection(1)(e) who is a claimant or a claimant's spouse if the disability pension is received pursuant to a service-connected disability of a degree of forty percent (40%) or more. "Income" does not include dependency and indemnity compensation or death benefits paid to a person described in subsection (1) of this section by the United States department of veterans affairs and arising from a service-connected death or disability. "Income" does not include lump sum death benefits made by the social security administration pursuant to 42 U.S.C. section 402(i). Documentation of medical expenses may be required by the county assessor, board of equalization valuation and state tax commission in such form as the county assessor, board of equalization valuation or state tax commission shall determine.
- "Income" shall be that received in the calendar year immediately preceding the year in which a claim is filed. Where a claimant and/or the claimant's spouse does not file a federal tax return, the claimant's and/or the claimant's spouse's federal adjusted gross income, for purposes of this section, shall be an income equivalent to federal adjusted gross income had the claimant and/or the claimant's spouse filed a federal tax return, as determined by the county assessor. The county assessor, board of equalization or state tax commission may require documentation of income in such form as each shall determine, including, but not limited to: copies of federal or state tax returns and any attachments thereto; and income reporting forms such as the W-2 and 1099.
- (6) "Occupied" means actual use and possession.
- "Owner" means a person holding title in fee simple or holding a certificate of motor vehicle title (either of which may be subject to mortgage, deed of trust or other lien) or who has retained or been granted a life estate or who is a person entitled to file a claim under section 63-702, Idaho Code. "Owner" shall also include any person who:
  - (a) Is the beneficiary of a revocable or irrevocable trust which is the owner of such homestead and under which the claimant or the claimant's spouse has the primary right of occupancy of the homestead; or
  - (b) Is a partner of a limited partnership, member of a limited liability company or shareholder of a corporation if such entity holds title in fee simple or holds a certificate of motor vehicle title and if the person holds at least a five percent (5%) ownership in such entity, as determined by the county assessor; or

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- (c) Has retained or been granted a life estate. "Owner" includes a vendee in possession under a land sale contract. Any partial ownership shall be considered as ownership for determining initial qualification for property tax reduction benefits; however, the amount of property tax reduction under section 63-704, Idaho Code, and rules promulgated pursuant to section 63-705, Idaho Code, shall be computed on the value of the claimant's partial ownership. "Partial ownership," for the purposes of this section, means any one (1) person's ownership when property is owned by more than one (1) person or where the homestead is held by an entity, as set forth in this subsection, but more than one (1) person has the right of occupancy of such homestead. A person holding either partial title in fee simple or holding a certificate of motor vehicle title together with another person but who does not occupy the dwelling as his primary dwelling place, shall not be considered an owner for purposes of this section, if such person is a cosignatory of a note secured by the dwelling in question and at least one (1) of the other cosignatories of the note occupies the dwelling as his primary dwelling place. The combined community property interests of both spouses shall not be considered partial ownership so long as the combined community property interests constitute the entire ownership of the homestead, including where the spouses are occupying a homestead owned by an entity, as set forth in this subsection, and the spouses have the primary right of occupancy of the homestead. The proportional reduction required under this subsection shall not apply to community property interests. Where title to property was held by a person who has died without timely filing a claim for property tax reduction, the estate of the deceased person shall be the "owner," provided that the time periods during which the deceased person held such title shall be attributed to the estate for the computation of any time periods under subsection (8) (a) or (8
- (8) (a) "Primary dwelling place" means the claimant's dwelling place on January 1 or before April 15 of the year for which the claim is made. The primary dwelling place is the single place where a claimant has his true, fixed and permanent home and principal establishment, and to which whenever the individual is absent he has the intention of returning. A claimant must establish the dwelling to which the claim relates to be his primary dwelling place by clear and convincing evidence or by establishing that the dwelling is where the claimant resided on January 1 or before April 15 and:
  - (i) At least six (6) months during the prior year; or
  - (ii) The majority of the time the claimant owned the dwelling if owned by the claimant less than one (1) year; or
  - (iii) The majority of the time after the claimant first occupied the
- dwelling if occupied by the claimant for less than one (1) year. The county assessor may require written or other proof of the foregoing in such form as the county assessor may determine.
  - (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (a) of this subsection, the property upon which the claimant makes application shall be deemed to be the claimant's primary dwelling place if the claimant is otherwise—qualified and resides in a care facility and does not allow the property—upon which the claimant has made application to be occupied by persons—paying a consideration to occupy the dwelling. Payment of utilities shall—not be payment of a consideration to occupy the dwelling. A claimant's—spouse who resides in a care facility shall be deemed to reside at the claimant's primary dwelling place and to be a part of the claimant's—household. A care facility is a hospital, nursing facility or intermediate—care facility for the mentally retarded as defined in section 39-1301, Idaho Code, or a facility as defined in section 39-3302(14), Idaho Code, or a dwelling other than the one upon which the applicant makes—application where a claimant who is unable to reside in the dwelling upon—which the application is made lives and receives help in daily living, protection and security.

# 63-702. CLAIM IS PERSONAL-EXCEPTIONS.

- (1) The right to file a claim under the provisions of sections 63-701 through 63-710, Idaho Code, shall be personal to the claimant and shall not survive his death except as otherwise provided in this section. A property tax reduction shall be allowed pursuant to the provisions of sections 63-701 and 63-710, Idaho Code, if the owner occupies the residential improvements after January 1 but before April 15, and if no other property tax reductions have been claimed. Such right may be exercised on behalf of a living claimant by an agent authorized in writing to so act, by a guardian or other representative acting pursuant to judicial authority or by any person or entity described in section 63-711(3), Idaho Code. An agent authorized in writing to so act, by a guardian or other representative acting pursuant to judicial authority or Idaho Code by any person or entity described in section 63-711(3) may exercise such right on behalf of a living claimant, If a claimant dies after having filed a timely claim, the amount thereof shall be allowed to his personal representative, if one is appointed, or to surviving heirs or to the trust or other entity owning the property, as appropriate.
- (2) In the case of property owned by an estate, revocable trust, irrevocable trust, limited partnership, limited liability company or corporation, where the deceased person's widow or widower succeeds to the interest of the deceased person in that entity and occupies the dwelling as required in this chapter, the deceased owner's widow or widower, or any person or entity described in section 63-711(3), Idaho Code, on behalf of that widow or widower:
  - (a) May file a claim on behalf of the deceased spouse if the deceased spouse qualified or would have qualified as a claimant on January 1 or before April 15 of the year in which the claim is filed; or
  - (b) The widow or widower shall be deemed the owner of the property in any year after the year of the death of the spouse.

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- Each claimant qualifying for and applying for a reduction in property taxes under the provisions of sections 63-701 through 63-710, Idaho Code, shall be allowed a reduction in property taxes on his homestead for the current year only, in the amounts provided by subsection (4) of this section. (1)
- (2) All property taxes continue to be the responsibility of the individual taxpayer, and all property taxes continue to be perpetual liens against the property against which assessed, and all property taxes may be collected and enforced in the usual manner, if the taxpayer does not receive any property tax reduction as provided under sections 63-701 through 63-710, Idaho Code, or if the taxpayer receives less property tax reduction than the whole amount of property taxes he is charged with.
- current year's assessed value and the surrent year's levy.
- (4)Property tax reductions qualified under sections 63-701 through 63-710, Idaho Code, shall be allowed as set out in section 2, chapter 59, laws of 1992, and adjusted for cost-of-living fluctuations as provided in section 63-705, Idaho Code.
- 63-706. TIME REQUIREMENTS FOR FILING CLAIM.
- (1)Any claim for property tax reduction to be granted under the provisions of sections 63-701 through 63-710, Idaho Code, shall be filed in the office of the county assessor between January 1 and April 15 of each year. The county assessor shall examine each claim and determine whether it is in conformity with section 63-701, Idaho Code, and shall accordingly approve, modify or disapprove the claim in total at the time the application is received. Additionally, the county assessor shall notify the claimant, or the person or entity acting on behalf of the claimant, in writing by May 1 if his claim has been modified or has been disapproved. The notice of modification or disapproval shall declare that the claimant, or the person or entity acting on behalf of the claimant, may appeal the assessor's decision to the county board of equalization valuation, and shall state the time and place that the county board of equalization valuation shall meet for such purposes.
- (2) All claims filed with the county assessor shall be completed by him and forwarded to the county commissioners, which shall convene as a board of cqualizationvaluation, any
  other provision of law notwithstanding, on or before May 15, and shall approve all
  claims approved by the county assessor, and shall approve the action of the county assessor in modifying or disapproving all other claims unless an appeal has been filed with the board of equalization valuation prior to May 15. In considering any appeal of the assessor's decision in modifying or disapproving a claim, the board of equalization may affirm the assessor's decision, may modify the assessor's decision, or may reject the assessor's decision and proceed to approve all or any part of the claim as submitted to the assessor originally.
- No informality on the part of the board of equalization valuation shall invalidate any action of the board. The decision of the board of equalization valuation shall be final, except that within thirty (30) days the claimant, or any person or entity (3) acting on behalf of the claimant, may appeal to the district court on matters of law, and may appeal the decision of the board of equalization valuation when the board has acted arbitrarily. The claimant, or the person or entity acting on behalf of the claimant, shall be notified immediately, in writing, of the board of equalization's valuation's action on his appeal to it.
- 63-707. PROCEDURE AFTER CLAIM APPROVAL.
- Immediately after claims have been approved by the board of equalization valuation, the county assessor shall prepare a property tax reduction roll, which shall be in addition to the property roll, the subsequent property roll and missed property rolls which property tax reduction roll shall show:
  - The name of the taxpayer; (a)
  - The description of the property for which a reduction in property taxes is claimed, suitably detailed to meet the requirements of the individual county;
  - The assessor's best estimate of ourrent market value, and any prorated net taxable value of the eligible portion of the property's current true market value for assessment purposes; and
  - The amount of tax reduction for which the applicant is eligible as determined by the income of the claimant and, if married, the claimant's spouse, pursuant to sections 63-704 and 63-705, Idaho Code.
- As soon as possible, but in any event by no later than the fourth Monday of June, the property tax reduction roll shall be certified to the county auditor and to the state (2) tax commission in the manner prescribed by rules promulgated by the state tax commission. The property tax reduction roll shall be accompanied by a copy of the claim forms for disapproved claims, when requested by the state tax commission and a copy of the approved claims form.
- (a) As soon as possible, but in any event by no later than the fourth Monday of OctoberSeptember, the county auditor shall complete the property tax reduction (3)by adding the following information:
  - (i) The current year's levy for the code area in which the property is situated;
  - (ii) The amount of property tax reduction claimed bas t purposes and the current year's levy; and
  - The current year's true market value for (iii)
  - As soon as possible, but in any event no later than the fourth Monday October September, the county auditor shall certify the completed property tax reduction roll to the state tax commission in the manner prescribed by rule promulgated by the state tax commission.

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- The state tax commission shall determine the total number of claims to be allowed in (4) each county, the dollar amount of each claim allowed, and the total dollar amount for all claims for each county. These amounts shall be certified to the county auditor and tax collector by the state tax commission by no later than the third Monday in NovemberOctober.
- The state tax commission may audit each and every claim submitted to it, and, any other provision of law notwithstanding, may utilize income tax returns filed by the (5) claimant or by the claimant's spouse to determine the income of the claimant or the claimant's spouse.
- If it is determined by the state tax commission that a claim is erroneous, the tax commission shall disapprove so much of the claim as necessary in order to conform with statutory standards. The tax commission shall provide the claimant, or the person or entity acting on behalf of the claimant, written notice of the tax commission's intent to disapprove all or a portion of the claim. The claimant, or the person or entity acting on behalf of the claimant, shall have fourteen (14) days to make written protest to the tax commission of the intended action. The claimant, or the person or entity acting on behalf of the claimant, may submit additional information and may request an informal hearing with the commission. If the claimant, or the person or entity acting on behalf of the claimant, fails to make written protest within fourteen days, the tax commission shall provide written notice of disapproval to the claimant, or the person or entity acting on behalf of the claimant, by the fourth Monday of October September and to the county auditor of the county from which the claim was received. Any claimant, or person or entity acting on behalf of the claimant, whose claim is disapproved in whole or in part by the state tax commission may:
  - File a claim with the county commissioners for a special cancellation (a) to section 63-711, Idaho Code;
  - Appeal such disapproval by the state tax commission to the board of tax appeals or to the district court of the county of residence of the taxpayer within thirty (30) days.

# 63-710. Repealed PROCEDURE AFTER REIMBURSEMENT.

#### CHAPTER 8 LEVY AND APPORTIONMENT OF TAXES

- 63-801. ANNUAL STATE PROPERTY TAX LEVY.
- The county commissioners in each county in this state must meet on the second Monday of September in each year to ascertain the tax rate necessary to be levied on each dollar of the valuation of all the taxable property in the county for such year in order to raise the amount of state taxes apportioned to such county by the state tax commission. The total of all levies must be within the limits prescribed by the laws of this state.
- In any period during which a sales tax is in force in this state, there shall be no levy of the general state property tax permitted by section 9, article VII, of the constitution of the state of Idaho.
- In any tax year maximum property by all taxing districts shall not exceed 1% of true market value as detailed in section 63-1313, Idaho Code.
- In the 2003-2004 tax year each tax district levied a fraction of the available real property tax revenue. This fraction shall be the established tax levy rate for each taxing district.
- 63-802. LIMITATION ON BUDGET REQUESTS-LIMITATION ON TAX CHARGES-EXCEPTIONS.
- (1) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section for tax thereafter, no taxing Taxing districts shall shall not certify a budget request for amount of property tax revenues to finance an annual budget that exceeds exceeds 1% of true market value as defined in section 1313 Title 63 Idaho Code. Subject to the 1% limitation of this section

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- The dollar amount of property taxes certified for its annual budget for any one (1) of the three (3) tax years preceding the current tax year, whichever is greater, which amount may be increased by a growth factor of not to exceed three percent (3%)plus the amount of revenue that would have been generated by applying the levy of the previous year, not including any levy described in subsection (4) of this section, to any increase in true market value subject to taxation resulting from new construction or change of land use classification as evidenced by the value shown on the new construction roll compiled pursuant to section 63-301A, Idaho Code; and by the value of annexation during the previous calendar year, as certified by the state tax commission for market values of operating property of public utilities and by the county assessor; or
- The dollar amount of property taxes certified for its annual budget last year in which a levy was made; or
- The dollar amount of the actual budget request, if the taxing district is newly created except as may be provided in subsection (1)(h) of this section; or
- (d)  $\frac{\text{(d)}}{\text{(d)}}$  In the case of school districts, the restriction imposed in section 33-802, Idaho Code; or
- (e) (e) In the case of a nonschool district for which less than the maximum allowable increase in the dollar amount of property taxes is certified for annual budget purposes in any one (1) year, such a district may, in any following year, recover the foregone increase by certifying, in addition to any increase otherwise allowed, an amount not to exceed one hundred percent (100%) of the increase originally foregone.

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Said additional amount shall be included in future calculations for increases as

- In the case of cities, if the immediately preceding year's levy subject to the limitation provided by this section, is less than 0.004, the city may increase its budget by an amount not to exceed the difference between 0.004 and actual prior year's levy multiplied by the prior year's true market value for assessment evaluation purposes. The additional amount must be approved by sixty percent (60%) of the voters voting on the question at an election called for that purpose and held on the date in May or November provided by law, and may be included in the annual budget of the city for purposes of this section; or
- A taxing district may submit to the electors within the district the question of whether the budget from property tax revenues may be increased beyond the amount authorized in this section, but not beyond the levy authorized by statute. The additional amount must be approved by sixty-six and two-thirds percent (66 2/3%) or more of the voters voting on the question at an election called for that purpose and held on the May or November dates provided by section 34-106, Idaho Code. If approved by the required minimum sixty-six and two-thirds percent (66 2/3%) of the voters voting at the election, the new budget amount shall be the base budget for the purposes of this section; or
- When a nonschool district consolidates with another  $\underline{n}$ onschool district or dissolves and a new district performing similar governmental functions as the dissolved district forms with the same boundaries within three (3) years, the maximum amount of a budget of the district from property tax revenues shall not be greater than the sum of the amounts that would have been authorized by this section for the district itself or for the districts that were consolidated or dissolved and into a new district; or
- In the instance or case of cooperative service agencies, the restrictions imposed (i) in sections 33-315 through 33-318, Idaho Code.
- In the case of fire districts, during the year immediately following the election of a (2)public utility or public utilities to consent to be provided fire protection pursuant to section 31-1422, Idaho Code, the maximum amount of property tax revenues permitted in subsection (1) of this section may be increased by an amount equal to the current year's taxable value of the consenting public utility or public utilities multiplied by that portion of the prior year's levy subject to the limitation provided by subsection (1) of this section.
- (3) No board of county commissioners shall set a levy, nor shall the state tax commission approve a levy for annual budget purposes which exceeds the limitation imposed in subsection (1) of this section, unless authority to exceed such limitation has been majority by sixty-six and two-thirds percent (66 2/3rds)%) or more of approved by a those voting in the election of the taxing district's electors voting on the question at an election called for that purpose and held pursuant to section 34-106, Idaho Code, provided however, that such voter approval shall be for a period of not to exceed two

(4)—The amount of property tax revenues to finance an annual budget does not include revenues from nonproperty tax sources, and does not include revenue from levies that are voter approved for bonds, override levies or supplemental levies, plant facilities reserve fund levies, school emergency fund levies or for levies applicable to newly annexed property or for levies evidenced b y the value of construction as pursuant to section 63-317, Idaho Code, for the preceding tax year.

(5) All provisions of this section, for annual budgets, shall not exceed 1% of true market value as detailed in section 63-1313, Idaho Code unless such increases are approved by sixty-six and two-thirds percent (66 2/3rds)%) or more of those voting in the election.

# 63-802A.Repealed NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING.

63-803. CERTIFICATION OF BUDGETS IN DOLLARS.

- Whenever any taxing district is required by law to certify to any county treasurer, (1)county auditor, county assessor, county commissioners or to any other county officer, any property tax levy, upon property located within said district, such certification shall, notwithstanding any other provision of the law applicable to any such district, be made at the time and in the manner hereinafter provided.
- The county auditor shall inform each of the taxing districts within his county of the (2) taxable value of that district as soon as such value is known to the auditor, whether the value comes from the appraisal and assessment evaluation of real and personal property, or from allocation of the taxable value of operating property, or from other
- Using the taxable value of the district, the council, trustees, board or other (3) governing body of any taxing district shall certify the total amount required from a property tax upon property within the district to raise the amount of money fixed by their budget as previously prepared or approved. The amount of money so determined shall be certified in dollars to the appropriate county commissioners. Any taxing unit, except regional airport authorities, located in more than one (1) county shall divide its dollar budget for certification to the separate counties by multiplying the amount of such budget by a fraction, the numerator of which shall be the total taxable value of all property in such taxing unit within the county to which such certification is to be made, and the denominator of which shall be the total taxable value of property in such taxing unit in all such counties. Budget certification to the participating counties of regional airport authorities shall be made in the manner prescribed in section 21-807(10), Idaho Code. Taxable value shall be certified by the county auditor of each affected county to such taxing unit and such certification shall be used in this formula. Except as provided in section 33-805, Idaho Code, relating to school emergency fund levies, the certification to the county commissioners required in this section shall be made not later than the Thursday prior to the second Monday in September, unless, upon application therefor, the county commissioners grant an extension of not more than seven (7) working days. After receipt of this certification,

the county commissioners shall make a tax levy as a percent of taxable value of all property in the taxing district, which when applied to the tax rolls, will meet the budget requirements certified by such taxing districts.

For the purpose of this section, "taxable value" shall mean the amount of United States dollars or equivalent for which, in all probability, a property would exchange hands between a willing seller, under no compulsion to sell, and an informed, capable buyer, with a reasonable time allowed to consummate the sale, substantiated by a reasonable down or full cash payment. As determined by the county commissioners sitting as a board of valuation during the last week of November 2004 through the first week of December 2004 and subsequently added to the tax rolls January 2005. The tax rolls of January 2005 shall be the determining factor of all property within the state. New purchases or builds shall be considered at "true market value", less any exemptions. the portion of the equalized assessed value, less any exemptions and the value that exceeds the value of the base assessment roll for the portion of any taxing district within a revenue allocation area of an urban renewal district, located within each taxing district which certifies a budget to be raised from a property tax levy. When the county auditor is notified of revenues sufficient to cover expenses as provided in section 50 2903(5), Idaho Code, taxable value shall also include the value shall include the value of the base assessment roll for the portion of any taxing district within a revenue allocation area. For each taxing district, taxable value shall include the value from the property rolls for the prior year or the best estimate of the subsequent and missed property rolls for the current year.

#### 63-805. ANNUAL LEVIES.

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- taxable property of said county, a property tax for general county purposes, to be collected and paid into the county treasury and apportioned to the county current expense fund which levy shall not exceed twenty-six hundredths percent (.26%) of true market value for assessment purposes of such property, or a levy sufficient to raise two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000), whichever is greater. If a county establishes the justice fund, as provided in section 31-4602, Idaho Code, the maximum current expense levy shall be reduced to twenty hundredths percent (.20%) of true market value for assessment purposes, or a levy sufficient to raise two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000), whichever is greater.
- The county commissioners of each county in this state may levy upon all taxable property of said county, a property tax for the purposes set forth in the statutes authorizing a county justice fund, to be collected and paid into the county treasury and apportioned to the county justice fund, if one has been established. Said levy shall not exceed twenty hundredths percent (.20%) of true market value for assessment purposes of such property, or a levy sufficient to raise two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000), whichever is greater.
- The county commissioners shall have the right to make a "general reserve appropriation," said appropriation not to exceed five percent (5%) of the county justice fund budget as finally adopted. The total levy, however, for the county justice fund, including the "general reserve appropriation," shall be within the limitations imposed by chapter 8, title 63, Idaho Code, or by any statutes of the state of Idaho in force and effect.
- Annually, before the second Monday in September, the board of trustees of any school district within the county having determined the number, if any, of pupils in average daily attendance above the number included in the last annual report thereof, and the amount of money required to provide the educational support programs and transportation support programs for such additional pupils in average daily attendance, as defined in chapter 10, title 33, Idaho Code, the county commissioners shall determine the total of such new requirements within the county and upon the taxable property situate within the district requesting the same, and the county commissioners shall levy a tax sufficient to provide such amount, provided in no case shall the levy be more than six-hundredths percent (.06%) of the taxable value of the property to be collected and paid to the requesting district.
- (4) (a) The county commissioners of each county in this state may levy annually upon all taxable property of its county, a property tax for the acquisition, maintenance and operation of public parks or public recreational facilities, to be collected and paid into the county treasury and apportioned to a fund to be designated as the "parks and recreation fund," which is hereby created, and such county commissioners may appropriate otherwise unappropriated funds for such purposes. No levy made under this subsection shall exceed one-hundredth percent (.01%) of the true market value for assessment purposes on all taxable property within the district.
  - (b) Any funds unexpended from the "parks and recreation fund," or any funds unexpended from the current year's certified parks and recreation budget may be retained in, or deposited to, the "parks and recreation fund" for the purpose of future land acquisition, park expansion or improvement, or the acquisition of operating equipment. The maximum accumulation of funds allowable shall not exceed twice the amount of money provided by the levy authorized in paragraph (a) of this subsection.
- (5) Upon the same property and for the same year the county commissioners must also levy such other property taxes as may be necessary for the payment of the interest on county bonds or to provide a sinking fund for the redemption of county bonds or such other authorized taxes as may be necessary for any other or special purposes, to be collected and paid into the county treasury and apportioned as provided by the laws of this state.

# 63-806. WARRANT REDEMPTION FUND.

(1) Repealed Upon the same property and for the same year the county commissioners shall levy a property tax for the redemption of outstanding county warrants issued prior to the first day of October in said year, to be collected and paid into the county treasury and apportioned to the county warrant redemption fund, which levy shall be sufficient for the redemption of all the outstanding county warrants, unless the amount of outstanding warrants exceeds the amount that would be raised by a levy of two tenths

| 866 | 866 | 866 | 876 of one percent (.2%) of the market value for assessment purposes on all taxable property in the county, in which case the county commissioners shall annually levy a property tax of two tenths of one percent (.2%) of the market value for assessment purposes on all taxable property in the county for the redemption of such outstanding warrants.

All property taxes levied in any year for the county current expense fund, county road fund and county bridge fund and collected on or after the first day of January in the succeeding year and any property tax levied for any purpose and which is no longer needed for such purpose when collected must be paid into the county treasury and apportioned to the county warrant redemption fund, except as otherwise provided by law. All money in the county treasury on the first day of October to the credit of the county current expense fund, county road fund, county bridge fund or any other fund which is no longer needed must be transferred to the county warrant redemption fund upon the books of the county auditor and county treasurer by resolution of the county commissioners entered upon the records of the proceedings.

63-809. UNAUTHORIZED LEVY-NOTIFICATION BY STATE TAX COMMISSION-ACTION TO SET ASIDE.

- (1) The state tax commission shall carefully examine the statements furnished to it, as provided in section 63-808, Idaho Code. On or before the fourth Monday in OstoberSeptember, the state tax commission shall notify the county commissioners of each county of the approval of all previously certified levies. The state tax commission shall also notify the county commissioners of each county and the governing authorities of any city, school district, or any other taxing district or municipality no later than the fourth Monday of October September if it appears that the county commissioners or governing authorities have fixed a levy or certified a property tax budget increase that exceeds any limitation provided by law.
- (2) If it appears that the county commissioners of any county have fixed a levy for any purpose or purposes not authorized by law, or in excess of the maximum provided by law for any purpose or purposes, the state tax commission shall thereupon notify the attorney general, and if it appears that the governing authorities of any city, school district, or any other district or municipality to which is delegated by law the authority to levy property taxes, have fixed a levy for any purpose or purposes not authorized by law or in excess of the maximum provided by law for any purpose or purposes, the commission shall on or before the fourth Monday in October notify the board of county commissioners, county treasurer and county attorney of the county in which it appears that such unauthorized or excess levy has or levies have been fixed.
- (3) The attorney general or the county attorney so notified shall immediately bring suit in a court of proper jurisdiction against the county commissioners or governing authorities of any city, school district or other district or municipality levying such unauthorized or excess levy to set aside such levy as being illegal.
- (4) Any necessary expenses incurred by the attorney general or the county attorney in the prosecution of such action shall be borne by the county in which the suit was brought.

63-810. ERRONEOUS LEVY-CORRECTIVE ACTION.

- (1) Whenever the county commissioners have discovered that a levy has been made by unintentional clerical, mathematical or electronic error, in any levy certified by such board, the county commissioners on its own motion may:
  - (a) If discovered prior to the fourth Monday of November October of the year for which the levy is certified, order all necessary corrections made in all property tax records, if the corrected levy is otherwise within statutory limits.
  - (b) If discovered after the fourth Monday of October of the year for which the levy is certified, but before January 30 of the succeeding year, order all necessary corrections made in all property tax records, if the corrected levy is otherwise within statutory limits. The corrected levy shall be applied to the taxable value within each taxing district and the property taxes so applied shall be a perpetual lien on the property, and such property tax levy and tax charge shall supersede all previous incorrect levies and charges made for that year, except that the property tax computed using the corrected levy shall allow a credit for the amount of property taxes previously paid. If additional property tax is owed due to the corrected levy, the county tax collector shall, prior to the fourth Monday in May, mail to the last record owner of any property affected by such erroneous levy a notice of tax correction. The deadline for paying such property tax shall be no later than June 20 of that year. Late charges and interest will be added if full property tax is not paid by June 20 and interest will be calculated from January 1 as provided in section 63-1001, Idaho Code. If excess property tax has been paid, the taxing district will refund the excess by June 20 with interest calculated from January 1 as provided in 63-1001, Idaho Code and Idaho Code 63-1302.
  - (c) The levy correction shall be considered at a hearing held by the county commissioners at which time any taxpayer may appear and be heard—upon the issue. Notice of the date, time, place and purpose of such—hearing shall be published in a newspaper published in the county, or if—there is none, then in a newspaper of general circulation in the county. The notice shall be run once each week for the two (2) weeks preceding the—hearing. The hearing shall be held not less than seven (7) days after the—first notice is published.
- (2) The county commissioners shall submit the corrected levy and a copy of the order to the state tax commission. The state tax commission shall review the corrected levy and take action as required in section 63-809, Idaho Code.
- (3) For the purposes of sections 63-701 through 63-710, Idaho Code, and for the purposes of the distributions required in section 63-3638, Idaho Code, the state tax commission, county auditor, and the county commissioners shall use the corrected values and numbers allowed in this section to recompute and correct such distributions by adjusting future distributions to account for any difference. For the purposes of

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chapters 8 and 10, title 33, Idaho Code, the state department of education shall use the corrected values and numbers allowed in this section.

#### 63-811. COMPUTATION OF PROPERTY TAXES-DUTY OF COUNTY AUDITOR.

- (1) The county auditor must cause to be computed the amount of the local property taxes levied on the total of the taxable value as entered on the property and operating property rolls, and must deliver the property and operating property rolls to the tax collector on or before the first Monday of <a href="MovemberOctober">NovemberOctober</a>.
- (2) The county auditor must cause to be computed the amount of the local property taxes levied on the total of the taxable value as entered on the subsequent property roll, and must deliver the subsequent property roll to the tax collector as soon as possible, without delay, after the first\_Last\_Monday of DecemberOctober.
- (3) The county auditor must cause to be computed the amount of the state property tax and the amount of the local property taxes levied on the total taxable value as entered on the missed property roll, and must deliver the missed property roll to the tax collector as soon as possible, without delay, after the first—Monday of March of the year following the year in which the assessment valuation was entered on the missed property roll.
- (4) For the purpose of this section, "taxable value" shall mean the portion of the equalized assessed market value, less any exemptions and the value that exceeds the value of the base assessment roll for the portion of any taxing district within a revenue allocation area of an urban renewal district, located within each taxing district which certifies a budget to be raised from a property tax levy. When the portion of the property tax to be allocated to school districts as required in sections 33-1002 and 50-2908, Idaho Code, is calculated, the taxable value must include the value that exceeds the value of the base assessment roll.
- The county auditor, at the time of delivery to the county tax collector of the property roll, subsequent property roll, missed property roll or operating property roll with all property taxes computed, must subscribe an affidavit to such roll that he has to the best of his knowledge and ability computed the proper amount of property taxes due, and recorded such orders of the board of equalization valuation as have been made and have made no other changes.
- (6) Failure of the auditor to make the affidavit shall not affect the validity of any entry on the roll. The making of such affidavit, however, is declared to be a duty pertaining to the office of the county auditor. In every case where the said affidavit is omitted from the real property assessment roll, completed and delivered as aforesaid, the board of county commissioners must require the county auditor to make the same, and upon refusal or neglect of such county auditor to make and subscribe to such affidavit forthwith, the chairman of the said board must immediately file in the district court in the county, an information in writing, verified by his oath, charging such county auditor with refusal or neglect to perform the official duties pertaining to his office, and thereupon he must be proceeded against as in such cases provided by law.

# CHAPTER 9 PAYMENT AND COLLECTION OF PROPERTY TAXES

63-902. PROPERTY TAX NOTICE AND RECEIPTS-DUTY OF TAX COLLECTOR.

- (1) For property on the property roll or operating property roll, the county tax collector must, prior to the fourth Monday of November October in each year, mail to every taxpayer, or to his agent or representative, at his last known post-office address, a tax notice prepared upon forms prescribed in section 63-219, Idaho Code, which shall contain at least the following:
  - (a) The year in which the property tax was levied;
  - (b) The name and address of the property owner;
  - (c) An accurate description of the property, or in lieu thereof, the tax number of record;
  - (d) The parcel number;
  - (e) Full True market value for assessment purposes;
  - (f) The total amount of property taxes due:
    - (i) State;
    - (ii) County;
    - (iii)City;
    - (iv) School district;
    - (v) And every other tax being separately shown.
  - (g) All property tax levies in the tax code area;
  - (h) The date when such property taxes become delinquent;
  - (i) Notation of delinquencies against said property;
  - (j) Whether an interim payment account exists;
  - (k) The different payment options available to the taxpayer, his agent or representataive shall be printed in boldface type in a contrasting color or highlighted on the face of the tax notice.
- (2) The tax notices shall be numbered consecutively and the numbers must be entered upon all property rolls.
- (3) Tax notices prepared in tax code area format shall state that levy sheets are available to the public.

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- (4) Levy sheets shall list the total property tax levy for each taxing district or taxing jurisdiction and the total in each tax code area.
- (5) If the taxpayer is one other than the equitable titleholder, such as an escrowee, trustee of trust deed or other third party, the taxpayer shall deliver to the equitable titleholder a statement of the total amount of property taxes billed, on or before the second Monday of <a href="DecemberNovember">DecemberNovember</a>.
- (6) The tax collector in each county of the state is authorized to destroy all duplicate property tax receipts and microfilm of tax receipts on file in his office as they reach ten (10) years old. Property tax receipts may be destroyed if information has been replicated in other storage media.
- (7) Computer and data processing routines for completion of all phases of the property tax roll procedures may be utilized with the responsibility for completion of each office's statutory duties to remain under the supervision of that office. Wherever the designation "property roll" appears within title 63, data processing or computer procedures and forms may be substituted as permanent records.
- (8) The county tax collector must, as soon as possible after the subsequent or missed property roll is delivered to him from the county auditor, mail a notice to every taxpayer listed on the subsequent or missed property roll, or to his agent or representative. The notice shall conform as nearly as possible to the notice required for property listed on the property roll.
- (9) Failure to mail such property tax notice, or receipt of said notice by the taxpayer, shall not invalidate the property taxes, or any proceedings in the collection of property taxes, or any proceedings in the foreclosure of property tax liens, however if was by the taxing district the payment dates and penalties will be prorated as per 63-1302.
- (10) No charge, other than property taxes, shall be included on a tax notice unless the entity placing such charge has received approval from the board of county commissioners to place such charge on the tax notice and such entity:
  - (a) Has the authority by law to place a lien on property; and
  - (b) Has the authority to certify such charge to the auditor; and
  - (c) Is required to collect such charge in the same manner provided by law for the collection of real and personal property taxes.

CHAPTER 10 COLLECTION OF DELINQUENCY ON REAL, PERSONAL AND OPERATING PROPERTY 63-1004. PAYMENT OF DELINQUENCY ON SEGREGATED PROPERTY.

- The record owner or owners or any party in interest of a segregated portion of the property covered by a delinquency may release the lien for property taxes, by paying to the tax collector the amount of property taxes due along with late charges, interest and costs, if any, on that particular piece of property. The county assessor shall determine and provide to the tax collector the true market value for assessment purposes of that segregated portion of property, and the tax collector will calculate the property tax to be paid for any prior year or years of delinquency, including the late charges, accrued interest and costs incurred.
- (2) The record owner or owners or any party in interest of a segregated portion of property covered by a tax deed may redeem that property at the time and in the manner provided in section 63-1007, Idaho Code, by paying to the tax collector the amount due on that particular piece of property including, but not limited to, the late charges, accrued interest, title search fees and other costs incurred. The county assessor shall determine and provide to the tax collector the true market value for accomment purposes of that segregated portion of property, and the tax collector will calculate the property tax to be paid for that current calendar year and all prior years of delinguency.

63-1006. HEARING AND ISSUANCE OF TAX DEED.

- (1) When a record owner or owners or any party in interest upon whom a notice of pending issue of tax deed is served or who has actual knowledge of such notice or its contents fails, to appear or otherwise defend and answer at the time set for hearing in such notice and the county commissioners are satisfied that the county tax collector has fulfilled the requirements of section 63-1005, Idaho Code, the county commissioners shall, without further notice, immediately direct the county tax collector to issue and record a tax deed in favor of the county.
- When a record owner or owners or any party in interest upon whom such notice is served or who has actual knowledge of such notice or its contents appears or answers at the date specified in such notice, the county commissioners shall hear evidence and witnesses and make a final decision in writing. Such final decision shall be mailed by registered or certified mail return receipt demanded upon all parties affected by its action. If the county commissioners shall find that the county tax collector has conformed to the requirements of section 63-1005, Idaho Code, and that a delinquency was owing on the property described and that such delinquency has not been paid, the county commissioners shall immediately direct the county tax collector to issue a tax deed in favor of the county. Such final decision shall include findings of fact and conclusions of law.
- (3) A record of the proceedings shall be kept and entered into the county minutes.
- (4) Any person who is aggrieved by a final decision of the county commissioners concerning the issuance of a tax deed is entitled to have that decision reviewed by the district court of the district wherein the county is located by filing a petition in the district court within thirty (30) days after receipt of the final decision of the county commissioners. Such filing does not itself stay enforcement of the county commissioners' decision; however, the county commissioners may grant, or the reviewing court may order, a stay upon appropriate terms. Review shall be conducted by the court without a jury and shall be confined to the record in the county minutes. The court may reverse or modify the decision of the county commissioners if substantial rights

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- of the appellant have been prejudiced because the county commissioners' findings, conclusions or decisions are:
- (a) Made upon unlawful procedure;
- (b) Clearly erroneous in view of reliable, probative and substantial evidence on the whole record; or
- (c) Arbitrary or capricious or characterized by abuse of discretion or clearly unwarranted exercise of discretion.
- (5) All costs and fees of any hearing or proceeding shall be awarded to the prevailing party or in the discretion of the reviewing court each party shall be responsible for their own costs and fees; provided however, the costs and fees shall not be ordered paid by any county or its officials in absence of a showing of gross negligence, gross nonfeasance or gross malfeasance by the county or its officers and a showing of substantial and definite injury to the petitioning party.
- (6) The form of the tax deed issued must contain the following items:
  - (a) The name and address of the former record owner or owners;
  - (b) The name of the county in whose favor the tax deed issues;
  - (c) An accurate description of the property using a township, range, section and division of section, together with a statement as to acreage, or in the appropriate case, using block and lot numbers or as described in a city plat; and if appropriate, include the tax number;
  - (d) Shall include A a statement that the tax deed issues out of a delinquency, the dollar amount of such delinquency and hearing; and
  - (e) The tax deed must be signed by the county tax collector and acknowledged before the county recorder and shall be recorded as provided by law.

63-1008. EFFECT OF TAX DEED AS EVIDENCE.

- (1) The matters recited in the delinquency must be recited in the deed, and such deed duly acknowledged or proved is prima facie evidence that:
  - (a) The property was appraised and assessed as required by law;
  - (b) The property was equalized as required by law;
  - (c) The property taxes were levied in accordance with law;
  - (d) The property taxes were not paid;
  - (e) The delinquency took effect at the proper time as prescribed by law;
  - (f) The property was not redeemed;
  - (g) The person who executed the deed was the proper officer;
  - (h) Where the real property was sold to pay property taxes on personal property that the real property belonged to the person liable to pay the property tax.
- (2) The deed duly acknowledged or proved is prima facie evidence of the regularity of all other proceedings, from the assessment by the assessor inclusive up to the execution of the deed.

63-1012. SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY UPON DELINQUENCY.

- (1) Upon a delinquency of any personal property tax, the county tax collector shall issue a warrant of distraint for the collection of the delinquency. The warrant of distraint shall bear the date of its issuance, and shall be directed to the county sheriff. The warrant shall give the name of the delinquent taxpayer and his mailing address as ascertained by the county tax collector. The warrant shall also describe generally the personal property upon which the delinquency exists and give the amount of each delinquency. The warrant shall contain a direction to the county sheriff to seize and sell a sufficient amount of the property, or any other personal property of the delinquent taxpayer to be found within the county, with the minimum bid sufficient to pay the delinquency, together with interest and late charges thereon and together with all fees, commissions, mileage and costs accruing thereon.
- The county tax collector shall keep a record of the date of the issuance of each warrant of distraint and of the return, showing in detail the amount collected or the fact that no personal property belonging to the delinquent taxpayer was found. A record of all warrants of distraint shall, upon their return, be kept by the tax collector for a period of two (2) years. The collection of any delinquency, or the return of a warrant of distraint showing no property found, shall relieve the county sheriff and tax collector and their bondsmen from responsibility of that delinquency. Upon the return of any warrant of distraint showing property taxes uncollected it shall be the duty of the tax collector, when directed by the county commissioners, to commence and prosecute to judgment an action against the delinquent taxpayer, and no property shall be exempt from levy and sale upon execution issued on the judgment.

63-1015. APPORTIONMENT OF PROCEEDS FROM REDEMPTION.

Upon the redemption from tax sale of any property described in any delinquency entry, the amount paid on account of such redemption equal to the delinquent tax, shall be paid into the county treasury by the tax collector, upon the certificate of the county auditor, to be apportioned among the several state and county funds and taxing districts, as provided for the apportionment of property taxes—, redemption amount in excess of the delinquent taxes and costs associated with the recovery shall be returned to any owner, owners or party's of interest as identified in section 63-1004 of the Idaho Code.

CHAPTER 11 SEIZURE AND SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY FOR TAXES

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63-1101. SEIZURE OF PROPERTY FOR REFUSAL TO PAY PROPERTY TAX-DUTY OF TAX COLLECTOR.

In case any person refuses to pay the property tax levied on any personal property belonging to him when demanded by the tax collector, the tax collector shall direct the sheriff to seize and sell as much of the personal property or any other property of the peas will be sufficient to pay the property taxes, late charges, interest, costs and expenses accruing thereon, as estimated by the tax collector.

63-1106. Repealed SALE OF ADDITIONAL

CHAPTER 13 MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS OF TAX LAW

63-1301. APPLICATION TO TAXING DISTRICTS.

The provisions of this title governing and in the aid of the appraisal, in assessment valuation, levy and collection of state and county property taxes, are hereby made applicable all general and special taxes of any taxing district incorporated, organized or chartered under any general or special laws of this state and authorized to collect revenue under the provisions of the laws of this state.

63-1302. CANCELLATIONS AND REFUND OF PROPERTY TAX.

- The county commissioners may, at any time when in session, cancel property taxes which for any lawful reason should not be collected, and may refund to any taxpayer any money to which he may be entitled by reason of a double payment of property taxes on any property for the same year, or the double assessment-valuation or erroneous of law, in any case in which the county commissioners find that, due to error or otherwise by fault of the county, an excess amount of property tax was paid, the county commissioners may refund the excess amount so collected plus pay the same late charges and delinquency interest rate on that amount which the county would regularly require of a taxpayer who is delinquent, and the county commissioners may adopt an ordinance or resolution to establish such payments.
- (2) The county commissioners may refund to the purchaser of any property when it has been determined by the county commissioners that such sale is void or invalid, the amount paid by such purchaser to the county with interest thereon from the date of such payment at the rate of six percent (6%) per annum.
- All proceedings of the county commissioners in the cancellation or refund of property taxes or refund of payments made at void sale must be recorded in the official minutes. All such refund of property taxes or payments must be paid upon warrants drawn on the (3) county current expense fund by the county auditor or upon checks issued by the county tax collector. All such refunds shall be apportioned to the various funds or taxing districts.

63-1306. PROCEDURE AND PROOF OF PAYMENT.

- (1)No procedure or action relating to the appraisal or assessment valuation of property or the collection of property taxes is illegal on account of informality.
- (2) Proof of payment of property taxes shall be the sole responsibility of the taxpayer.

63-1313. LIMITATION ON PROPERTY TAXES-VALUE OF REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY-SPECIAL TAX LEVIES.

- (1)(a) Except as provided in section 63-802, Idaho Code, during any one (1) tax year, the maximum amount of all property taxes from all sources on any property subject to valuation and property taxation within the state of Idaho shall not exceed one percent (1%) of the net true market walue (net true market equals total true market walue minus true market walue exemptions) es of such property, including the actual cost of all improvements. including the current all residential improvements, notwithstanding anyexemption of a portion of such values
  - (b) The limitation provided for in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall not apply to property taxes or special assessments valuation to pay the principal of and the interest and redemption charges on any indebtedness incurred prior to the time this section becomes effective, nor shall the limitation\_provided for in paragraph (a) of this subsection apply to property taxes to pay the principal of and the interest and redemption charges on any indebtedness incurred on or after November 7, 1978/2006, prescribed by the constitution of the state of Idaho, nor shall the limitation provided for in paragraph (a) of this subsection apply to special assessments levied on or after November 7, 19782006, as provided by law.
- es of real amd personal property subject The market value for assessment purpo approisal by the county assessor shall be the market value established on the 2004 tax rolls and certified by the board of valuation January 2005. "True Market Value" shall be the actual transaction price of the exchange of property or the actual cost of property improvements. All taxable property may be increased by no more than 0.8% annually determined by the county assessor according to the rules prescribed by the state tax commission, as provided in section 63 200, Idaho Code, but where real property is concerned it shall be the actual and functional use of the real property taxable property shall be annually appraised or indexed to reflect that valuation.
- "Truth in Tramsaction" The true and actual cost of amy exchange of property, new builds or improvements shall be reported immediately to the County Assessors office upon (3) completion of said transaction. Failure to report the transaction or knowingly falsify such costs, which shall include any exchanges of property, will be considered a felony punishable by up to five (5) years in prison and fines not to exceed the actual value of the transaction.
- "Gift and Inheritance" Real property which is transferred as a gift or by inheritance in a transactiom with no cash outlay between recipient and donor will have "True Market Value" as recorded for the donor before the transaction plus the title transfer fees. The "Truth in Transaction" provisions of this Section shall apply to such exchanges.

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CHAPTER 14 ENFORCEMENT-PENALTIES

63-1401. AUTHORITY OF ASSESSOR-DUTY OF ASSESSOR.

- The assessor is hereby authorized to administer oaths to all persons who may be required to swear, and he may examine under oath any person who is required under the provisions of this chapter to list property for appraisal, assessment valuation or taxation, concerning the amount and value of such property, and he may examine under oath any person whom he may suppose to have knowledge of the amount or value of the property of any person refusing to list such property or to verify such list, or whenever the assessor shall be of the opinion that the person listing property for himself or for any other person has not made a complete list of such property. If any person shall refuse to answer under oath any question asked of him by the assessor concerning the amount and value of the property required to be listed by him, the assessor may list and assess such property according to his best judgment and information, but, if any property is willfully concealed, removed, transferred, misrepresented or not listed by the person required to do so, such property, upon discovery, must be appraised, assessed valued and taxed at two (2) times its value for each year such property has escaped taxation. The county board of equalization on may excuse the liability for such penalty upon a proper showing that by good and sufficient cause the requirement to list such property need not be complied with. Any person making a false list, schedule or statement under oath shall be quilty of perjury.
- The assessor shall note, at the time of appraisal valuation, all cases where the owner, agent or other person required by this title to list property: refused or failed to (2) make the sworn taxpayer's declaration required of him; refused to answer any question asked of him by the assessor in reference to the appraisal valuation of property; was absent or willfully concealed, removed, transferred, misrepresented or failed to list such property.

#### 63-1402. VIOLATIONS.

- (1) It is a misdemeanor:
  - (a) For any assessor to knowingly or willfully assess any property at more or less than true market value.
  - (b) For any assessor to fail to complete and deliver the real, subsequent or missed property rolls or affidavits within the time prescribed by law.
  - (c) For any member of the board of equalization valuation to knowingly or willfully permit any appraisal to stand, or permit any alteration to be made in the real, subsequent or missed property rolls whereby any property is appraised valued at more or less than  $\underline{\text{true}}$  market value.
  - (d) For any member of the county commissioners to knowingly or willfully permit any unjust, excessive or insufficient county property tax levy to stand.
  - (e) For any county officer or any officer of any taxing district to knowingly or willfully make any false statements to the county commissioners in its determination of the amount of property taxes to be levied.
  - (f) For any auditor to fail to complete and deliver the property rolls or affidavits within the time prescribed by law.
  - (g) For any tax collector to knowingly or willfully fail to mail a property tax notice within the time prescribed by law.
  - (h) For any tax collector to knowingly or willfully fail to collect any property tax which has been properly levied.
  - (i) For any person to remove from the county or sell or repossess any personal property without the payment of property taxes levied thereon.
  - (j) For any treasurer to neglect or refuse to make any payments or settlements within ten (10) days after the time prescribed therefor.
  - (k) For any auditor to neglect or refuse to transmit any order or sworn statement within ten (10) days after the time prescribed therefor.
  - (1) For any assessor to neglect or refuse to transmit any order or sworn statement within ten (10) days after the time prescribed therefor.
  - (m) For any member of the state tax commission to knowingly or willfully permit any unjust <del>appraisal o</del> assessment valuation, or incorrect apportionment of state property taxes to stand or be made.
- (2) In addition to criminal penalties which may be imposed under this section:
  - (a) The assessor shall be liable upon his official bond for the amount of property tax on any property which he has knowingly or willfully allowed to escape appraisal or on any property on which he has knowingly or willfully entered any untrue or incorrect classification of land or other property upon the property roll.
  - (b) Any member of the board of equalization valuation shall be liable upon his official bond for the amount of property tax on any property which he has knowingly or willfully allowed to escape assessment valuation and taxation or on any property on willfully allowed to escape assessment valuation and taxation or on any property on which he has knowingly or willfully allowed any untrue or incorrect classification of land or other property to stand.
  - (c) The tax collector shall be liable upon his official bond for all property taxes which have not been collected or accounted for in his settlement with the county commissioners or county auditor.
  - (d) The treasurer shall be liable upon his official bond for all payments or settlements which he refuses or neglects to make within ten (10) days after the time prescribed therefor.

(e) The county auditor shall be liable upon his official bond for neglecting or refusing to transmit any order or sworn statement within ten(10) days after the time prescribed therefor and shall forfeit the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

CHAPTER 17 TAXATION OF FOREST LANDS AND FOREST PRODUCTS

63-1701. DEFINITIONS.

As used in this chapter, unless the context requires otherwise:

- (1) "Average annual net wood production" means the average net usable volume of wood one (1) acre of forest land will grow in one (1) year under average current and actual forest conditions and under current and reasonable management practices for each forest value zone.
- (2) "Designation period" means any one (1) ten (10) year period in a sequence of ten (10) year periods which begin January 1, 1983.
- (3) "Forest" means forest land and the timber thereon.
- (4) "Forest land" means privately owned land being held and used primarily for the continuous purpose of growing and harvesting trees of a marketable species. Having met the above criteria, forest land may be further identified by the consideration of any of the following criteria:

Forest land is land evidenced by present use and silvicultural treatment.

- Forest land is land which has a dedicated use that is further evidenced by a forest land management plan that includes eventual harvest of the forest crop.
  - (c) Forest land is land bearing forest growth or land which has not been converted to another use.
  - (d) Forest land is land which has had the trees removed by man through harvest, including clear-cuts or by natural disaster, such as but not limited to fire, and which within five (5) years after harvest or initial assessment will be reforested as specified in the forest practices act (chapter 13, title 38, Idaho Code).
- (5) "Forest landowner" means the legal entity which holds the property rights under law to the forest land surface.
- (6) "Forest products" means any forest crop harvested from forest land.
- (7) "Forest products yield tax" means a tax levied on the value of forest products harvested from a parcel as prescribed in sections 63-1703 and 63-1706, Idaho Code.
- (8) "Forest value" means the <u>true market value for assessment purposes</u> as determined only on the basis of its ability to produce timber, other forest products, and associated agricultural products through the timber productivity valuation process as prescribed by section 63-1705, Idaho Code.
- (9) "Stumpage value" means the value of timber, whether standing or downed by other than an intentional act of severance, expressed in terms of dollars per unit of measure.
- (10) "Timber" means wood growth, of any species and of any size, standing or down on privately owned lands.
- (11) "Bare land value" means the value of forest land exclusive of the value of timber and other products growing or being thereon.
- (12) "Stumpage owner" means the legal entity which holds the property rights under law to the timber growing on private lands.
- (13) "A substantial change of use" means any use other than as forest land as defined in subsection (4) of this section.
- (14) "Deferred taxes" as used in section 63-1703, Idaho Code, means a tax levied to recapture the difference between taxes that were collected on a parcel designated under section 63-1706, Idaho Code, and what would have been collected on the parcel, had it been designated under section 63-1702 or 63-1705, Idaho Code.
- (15) "Custodial expense" shall mean those expenses incurred in the maintenance of the forest land and limited to the following:
  - (a) Reforestation;
  - (b) Road maintenance;
  - (c) Managing public use;
  - (d) Forest inventory;
  - (e) Forest management planning;
  - (f) Facility operations and maintenance;
  - (g) Environmental analysis and documentation;
  - (h) Appeals and litigation;
  - (i) Land survey;
  - (j) Forest fire suppression;
  - (k) Other management expenses; and
  - (1) Labor associated with items (a) through (k) of this subsection, but shall not include the salaries or expenses, or any portion thereof, of any person or officer not directly engaged in the management of the forest land.
- "CFTM" means the committee on forest land taxation methodologies as provided in section 63-1705, Idaho Code.

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Land parcels of less than five (5) contiguous acres must be appraised, assessed at true market value and taxed as real property, without regard to its ability to produce timber or forest products. Buildings and other improvements located on forest lands of less than five (5) contiguous acres shall be appraised, assessed at true market value and taxed as provided by applicable laws, rules and regulations.

CHAPTER 29 THE IDAHO CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS INCENTIVE ACT OF 2005

63 2904. Repealed REAL PROPERTY IMPROVEMENT TAX CREDIT.

63-2906. LIMITATIONS, AND OTHER PROVISIONS ON CREDITS AGAINST INCOME TAXES.

- (1) In addition to other needed rules, the state tax commission may promulgate rules prescribing:
  - (a) In the case of S corporations, partnerships, trusts or estates, a method of attributing a credit under this chapter to the shareholders, partners or beneficiaries in proportion to their share of the income from the S corporation, partnership, trust or estate; and
  - (b) The method by which the carryover of credits and the duty to recapture credits shall survive and be transferred in the event of reorganizations, mergers or liquidations.
- (2) In the case of a unitary group of corporations filing a combined report under subsection (t) of section 63-3027, Idaho Code, credits against income tax provided by sections 63-2903, 63-2904 and 63-2905, Idaho Code, earned by one (1) member of the group but not used by that member may be used by another member of the group, subject to the limitation in subsection (3) of this section, instead of carried over. For a combined group of corporations, credit carried forward may be claimed by any member of the group unless the member or members who earned the credit are no longer included in the combined group.
- (3) The total of all credits allowed by sections 63-2903, 63-2904 and 63-2905, Idaho Code, together with any credits carried forward under subsection (4) of this section shall not exceed the amount of tax due under sections 63-3024, 63-3025 and 63-3025A, Idaho Code, after allowance for all other credits permitted by this chapter and the Idaho income tax act.
- (4) If the credits exceed the limitation under subsection (3) of this section, the excess amount may be carried forward for a period that does not exceed:
  - (a) The next fourteen (14) taxable years in the case of credits allowed by sections 63-2903 and 63-2904, Idaho Code; or
  - (b) The next ten (10) taxable years in the case of credits allowed by section 63-2905, Idaho Code.

#### 63-2907. RECAPTURE.

- (1) In the event that any person to whom a tax credit allowed by section 63-2903, 63-2904 or 63-2905, Idaho Code, fails to meet the tax incentive criteria, the full amount of the credit shall be subject to recapture by the commission.
- (2) If, during any taxable year, an investment in new plant is disposed of, or otherwise ceases to qualify with respect to the taxpayer, prior to the close of the recapture period, recapture of the credit allowed by sections 63-2903 and 63-2904, Idaho Code, shall be determined for such taxable year in the same proportion and subject to the same provisions as an amount of credit required to be recaptured under section 63-3029B, Idaho Code.
- (3) In the event that the employment required in section 63-2902(2)(j), Idaho Code, is not maintained for the entire recapture period, recapture of the credit allowed in section 63-2905, Idaho Code, shall be determined for such taxable year in the same proportion as an amount of credit required to be recaptured under section 63-3029B, Idaho Code. This subsection shall not be construed to require that the required level of employment must be met by the same individual employees.
- (4) Any amount subject to recapture is a deficiency in tax for the amount of the credit in the taxable year in which the disqualification first occurs and may be enforced and collected in the manner provided by the Idaho income tax act, provided however, that in lieu of the provisions of section 63-3068(a), Idaho Code, the period of time within which the commission may issue a notice under section 63-3045, Idaho Code, in regard to an amount subject to recapture shall be the later of five (5) years after the end of the taxable year in which the project period ends or three (3) years after the end of the taxable year in which any amounts carried forward under section 63-2906, Idaho Code, expire.