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Treasurer Michael Baumgartner & Assessor Tom Konis Announce Release of 2019 Property Tax Statements

Spokane, WA- Michael Baumgartner, The Treasurer of Spokane County announced today that 2019 property tax amounts are now available on the Spokane County Treasurer's Office website and mailed statements will be arriving over the next week. First half tax payments are due by April 30th, 2019.

The Treasurer of Spokane County, Michael Baumgartner, released the following statement in response to the release: "83% of Spokane County taxpayers will see a property tax reduction on their statements from 2018 in part because of the levy shift passed by the legislature in response to the State Supreme Court's McCleary decision.

My office works to make paying your taxes as simple and transparent as possible by providing several ways to pay and offering assistance to those experiencing tough financial times by accepting partial payments. Partial payments can be a tool to keep families that are falling behind on their property taxes in their homes. It is important that taxpayers know the Treasurer's Office is a strong steward of the public funds."

"The Assessor's Office is responsible for calculating the levy rate that determines taxpayers' property tax amount" added Tom Konis, County Assessor. "Citizens are encouraged to contact the Assessor's Office with any questions regarding their 2019 property assessed value."

Tax statements are calculated, by parcel, based on the budgeting actions of various taxing authorities including the Board of County Commissioners, school and fire districts and also through voter approved bonds and levies. The County Assessor calculates the next year's taxes at the end of each calendar year by calculating the levy rate. The County Treasurer's Office at the beginning of the new year certifies the tax roll, mails statements, collects and distributes property taxes on behalf of the districts, totaling over \$600 million annually across 230,000 parcels.

The Office of The Treasurer of Spokane County collects, safeguards and invests the public funds on behalf of multiple state and local agencies. Managing tax collection for 230,000 property parcels and financial management for approximately 80 government entities, The Office of The Treasurer of Spokane County is the regional hub of the public finance network processing \$15 billion per year.

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