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**ASSESSOR’S OFFICE REPORTS 2015 TAX ROLL IS CERTIFIED BY LA TAX COMMISSION**

**Covington, LA:** The St. Tammany Parish Assessor’s Office has confirmed that the 2015 St. Tammany Parish tax roll has been approved and certified by the Louisiana Tax Commission.

The assessor’s office has delivered the certified tax roll to the Ex-Officio Tax Collector, the St. Tammany Parish Sheriff’s Office. They have indicated to STPAO that property owners may anticipate their tax bills arriving sometime in late November or early December. Payments are due to the sheriff’s office by December 31, 2015.

Based on the 2015 certified grand recap, the total of ad valorem taxes, including parcel fees and all other fees, projects a tax revenue of $278,194,882.00. This represents a $9,930,529.00 increase over last year. Much of the increase in revenue is attributed to the removal of ineligible homestead exemptions and land use exemptions that did not meet the legal requirements, as well as adding properties to the tax roll that were never previously on the roll. Parish-wide, the 2015 ad valorem total gross tax roll revenue is up 2.50%. Additionally, the 2015 tax roll includes 136,328 taxpayers, an increase from the 2014 tax roll that represented 130,910 taxpayers.

If you have any further questions regarding the tax roll, you may contact Chief Deputy Troy Dugas at (985) 809-8180 or tdugas@stpao.org.