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2020 Insurance Premium Tax Information for Schedules XII and XIII, Form DR-908

The Department of Revenue has created a database that insurers may use in assigning premiums and policies to the various participating local taxing jurisdictions. It is available for free at **floridarevenue.com/taxes/pointmatch**. This database was created pursuant to sections (ss.) 175.1015 and 185.085, Florida Statutes (F.S.). In addition to completing Schedules XII and XIII, you must answer Question B on Form DR-908, Page 2, about your use of the Department's database.

These statutes provide that insurers who exercise due diligence in using the Department's database to assign premiums to the participating local taxing jurisdictions shall be held harmless from any liability, including but not limited to liability for taxes, interest, or penalties that would otherwise be due as a result of an assignment of premiums to an incorrect local taxing jurisdiction. Sections 175.1015 and 185.085, F.S., specify that insurance companies that do not use the electronic database provided by the Department and do not exercise due diligence in applying the electronic database, are subject to a .5 percent (.005) penalty on the total premium per policy that is improperly assigned.

We review the figures reported on Schedules XII and XIII of your 2020 Insurance Premium Taxes and Fees Return (Form DR-908). You should include a written explanation with your return if a significant variance exists between the figures reported on your 2019 and 2020 returns. A significant variance is considered an increase or decrease of greater than 10 percent for any municipality or fire control district.

Your explanation should contain specific information. All explanations are subject to review by the Department of Management Services and the Department of Financial Services. Generally, more precise information than explanations such as "shift of business" or "business transfers" is required. If you are not sure your explanation will be acceptable, call the Department of Management Services at 850-922-0667.

Give careful attention to the amounts reported on Schedules XII and XIII. The monies reported by your company for each of these cities and districts fund retirement benefits for their police officers and firefighters. The money is distributed back to each local taxing jurisdiction based on the information reported.

When completing Schedules XII and XIII:

- ✓ Report premiums based on the actual physical location of the property.
- ✓ Do not use ZIP codes to report premiums as they may not identify the appropriate city or district and can result in an inaccurate allocation of premiums.

Premiums must be reported accurately and timely. The Department of Financial Services, in Informational Memorandum 99-111M, reminded insurers authorized to write property and casualty insurance in the State of Florida of the requirements contained in Chapters 175 and 185, F.S. Insurers are required to keep an accurate account of all premiums sold within the city limits or fire control district boundaries for those cities and districts listed on Schedules XII and XIII. Each risk required to be reported to the Department of Revenue must be coded with the proper identifying fire district or municipality code in order for the Department of Management Services to accurately distribute premium tax allocations to the participating pension funds. Sections 175.151 and 185.13, F.S., provide that an insurer's certificate of authority may be cancelled or revoked if an insurer fails to comply with the provisions of Chapters 175 and 185, F.S.

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2020 Additions, Deletions, and Changes to Schedules XII and XIII

		Additions	
Code	City/District	County	Type
		None	
		Deletions	
Code	City/District	County	Type
		None	
		Changes	
Code	City/District	County	Type
290	Davenport	Polk	Fire/Police

Chapters 175 and 185, F.S., taxes are administered by three different state agencies:

- The Florida Department of Financial Services, Office
 of Insurance Regulation has the authority to impose
 the .5 percent (.005) penalty relating to the address
 database and insured risks not properly assigned to
 participating local taxing jurisdictions.
- The Florida Department of Management Services, Division of Retirement, Municipal Police Officers' and Firefighters' Retirement Trust Funds Office:
 - o Administers the retirement trust funds.
 - o Distributes monies to the local taxing jurisdictions.
 - o Notifies the Office of Insurance Regulation when insurers fail to comply.
- The Florida Department of Revenue:
 - o Administers the database.
 - o Produces, distributes, and processes the insurance premium tax forms.
 - o Collects Chapters 175 and 185, F.S., taxes on Forms DR-907 and DR-908.
 - Ocontacts insurers when there is a variance in reported premiums between the current year and prior year for the local taxing jurisdictions. This review helps ensure that the proper amount(s) are reported by the insurer to the proper local taxing jurisdictions.

Need Assistance?

Information and forms are available on the Department's website at **floridarevenue.com**

If you have any questions, contact Taxpayer Services at 850-488-6800, Monday through Friday (excluding holidays).

For a written reply to tax questions, write:

Taxpayer Services - MS 3-2000 Florida Department of Revenue 5050 W Tennessee St Tallahassee FL 32399-0112

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Types of Premiums subject to Form DR-908 Schedules XII (Firefighters' Pension Trust Funds) and					
XII	I (Police Officers' Retirement Trust Funds)				
Annual Statement Line Number & Line of Business		Premiums Subject to	Premiums Subject to Police		
		Firefighters' Pension Trust	Officers' Retirement Trust		
		Fund (DR-908, Schedule XII)	Fund (DR-908, Schedule XIII)		
1	Fire	YES			
2.1	Allied Lines	YES			
3	Farmowners multiple peril	YES (70%)	YES (30%)		
4	Homeowners multiple peril	YES (70%)	YES (30%)		
5.1	Commercial multiple peril (non-liability portion)	YES (70%)	YES (30%)		
5.2	Commercial multiple peril (liability portion)	YES (70%)	YES (30%)		
12	Earthquake	YES			
19.1	Private passenger auto no-fault (personal injury protection)		YES		
19.2	Other private passenger auto liability		YES		
19.3	Commercial auto no-fault (personal injury protection)		YES		
19.4	Other commercial auto liability		YES		
21.1	Private passenger auto physical damage		YES		
21.2	Commercial auto physical damage		YES		
22	Aircraft (all perils)	YES			
23	Fidelity		YES		
26	Burglary and theft		YES		
34	Aggregate write-ins for other lines of business (meeting the definition of property insurance in s. 624.604, F.S.).	YES			

References

The following documents were mentioned in this form and are incorporated by reference in the rules indicated below.

The forms are available online at floridarevenue.com/forms.

Form DR-908 Insurance Premium Taxes and Fees Return Rule 12B-8.003, F.A.C.

Form DR-907 Florida Insurance Premium Installment Payment Rule 12B-8.003, F.A.C.