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City of Philadelphia Tax Revenue Update for November 2012

City General Fund tax collections were \$157.5 million in November, an increase of \$19.2 million (13.9 percent) from November 2011, according to the City's preliminary revenue report. Through the first five months of fiscal year 2013 (FY13), tax collections were \$756.4 million, an increase of 2.6 percent compared to FY12. General Fund tax revenue is currently estimated at \$2,626.6 million for the full fiscal year, an increase of 2.2 percent from FY12. In the *Quarterly City Managers Report (QCMR)* for the first quarter of FY13, released November 15, the City increased its FY13 estimate for the wage and earnings taxes (\$11.0 million) and business income and receipts tax (\$3.1 million), and reduced the estimate for the parking tax (\$2.0 million). Growth through November for taxes that are collected continuously through the year is at or above the currently projected rate, with the exception of the parking and amusement taxes.¹ Trends for individual taxes are discussed below.

- Wage and earnings tax revenue (including the City and PICA portion) was \$138.2 million in November, an increase of \$12.0 million (9.5 percent) from November 2011. Total collections through November are \$637.8 million, an increase of 2.3 percent compared to the same period in FY12. The current FY13 estimate is \$1,584.3 million, a 2.3 percent increase from the FY12 actual.
- Sales tax collections through November were \$105.8 million, an increase of 3.2 percent compared to the same period last fiscal year. The current FY13 estimate is \$259.3 million, an increase of 2.3 percent from the FY12 actual.
- Real estate transfer tax collections were \$11.5 million in November, an increase of \$4.0 million (52.7 percent) from November 2011. This is the second consecutive month of

¹ The other major General Fund taxes – real estate, business income and receipts, and net profits – are collected primarily in the spring. For these taxes, collections data for the early months of the fiscal year are not generally informative about the likely level of the collections for the full year. Collections for these taxes will be discussed in monthly reports later in the fiscal year.

increased collections compared to the previous year. Total FY13 collections through November were \$55.8 million, a 5.7 percent increase from the same period in FY12. The current FY13 projection is \$124.5 million, an increase of 4.3 percent from FY12 actual revenue.

- Parking tax collections through November were \$30.7 million, a 0.4 percent increase from last year. The current FY13 estimate is \$73.2 million, an increase of 3.1 percent from the FY12 actual.
- Amusement tax collections through November were \$7.1 million, a 0.3 percent increase from FY12. The current FY13 estimate is \$22.1 million, a 0.7 percent increase from the FY12 actual.

City of Philadelphia General Fund Tax Revenues: FY13 versus FY12 (\$ in Millions)							
Tax	Monthly Total through November			Fiscal Year Total (Budget Basis)			Percent Change through November Above/(Below) Fiscal Year Percent Change
	FY12	FY13 ¹	Percent Change	FY12 Unaudited Actual	FY13 Current Estimate	Percent Change	
Wage and Earnings²	\$623.6	\$637.8	2.3%	\$1,548.6	\$1,584.3	2.3%	--
<i>Wage</i>	618.8	633.8	2.4%				
<i>Earnings</i>	4.9	4.0	-18.0%				
Net Profits²	3.0	2.7	-8.1%	20.4	20.8	1.7%	(9.8%)
Real Estate	31.3	32.3	3.1%	500.7	514.9	2.8%	0.3%
Business Income and Receipts	25.6	30.6	19.7%	389.4	398.0	2.2%	17.5%
Sales	102.5	105.8	3.2%	253.5	259.3	2.3%	0.9%
Real Estate Transfer	52.8	55.8	5.7%	119.4	124.5	4.3%	1.4%
Parking	30.6	30.7	0.4%	70.9	73.2	3.1%	(2.7%)
Amusement	7.0	7.1	0.3%	21.9	22.1	0.7%	(0.4%)
Other	1.4	1.2	-16.0%	3.2	3.4	7.7%	(23.7%)
Total	877.8	904.0	3.0%	2,928.0	3,000.5	2.5%	0.5%
<i>PICA</i>	140.8	147.6	4.8%	357.5	373.8	4.6%	0.2%
<i>City</i>	737.0	756.4	2.6%	2,570.4	2,626.6	2.2%	0.5%

Source: Monthly collections from *Comparative Statement of Net Revenue Collections*, City Department of Revenue, available at <http://www.phila.gov/revenue/citymonthlyrevcollections.html>, and preliminary revenue report for November 2012. FY12 unaudited actual from *Annual Financial Report* for FY12. FY13 current estimate from *Quarterly City Managers Report* for the period ending September 30, 2012.

Notes:

¹ Amounts are preliminary.

² Includes portion dedicated to PICA.