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Unsecured Property Tax Payment Deadline on September 2

Orange County Treasurer-Tax Collector Shari Freidenrich reminds those with unsecured property taxes due for 2014-15 relating to business personal property, leased equipment, boats and aircraft to submit payment by September 2, 2014 to avoid late charges. Any unsecured payments received after Tuesday, September 2, 2014 that do not show a US Postal Service date stamp on the 2nd or earlier will be charged a 10% delinquent fee and a \$75 late charge.

Treasurer-Tax Collector, Shari Freidenrich, encourages taxpayers to save postage costs and pay your property tax bill on-line by eCheck at no cost using your bank checking or savings account at ocgov.com/octaxbill, a secure website. Freidenrich states "the most cost effective way for my office to process tax payments is by eCheck." To further assist taxpayers, tax payments processed no later than midnight Tuesday, September 2, 2014, using the Orange County Treasurer-Tax Collector's website at ocgov.com/octaxbill will be accepted as timely payment of taxes, receive same day credit, and a receipt from the online payment can either be printed or emailed.

Payments by eCheck, which allows a taxpayer to pay using their bank account on-line without a convenience fee, represents almost 18% of all property tax payments received in FY 2013-2014, and are up almost 75% since 2011. The number of mailed payments has been decreasing and currently represents 45% of all property tax payments.

Annually, the Treasurer bills for over \$220 million in unsecured taxes. The unsecured tax bills are for business personal property, such as equipment and furniture, plus boat and aircraft assessments. Unsecured tax bills were sent to approximately 72,000 businesses, 28,000 leased equipment owners, 32,000 boats owners, and over 725 aircraft owners. The amount of the unsecured taxes has increased by 11% from the prior year.



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