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Unsecured Property Tax Payment Deadline on September 3

Orange County Treasurer-Tax Collector, Shari Freidenrich, reports that the 2013-2014 unsecured property taxes for tax bills mailed in July must be paid by September 3, 2013 to avoid any late charges. The unsecured tax bills are for business personal property, such as equipment and furniture, plus boat and aircraft assessments. Any unsecured payments received after Tuesday, September 3, 2013 that do not have a US Postal stamp on the 3rd 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 <u>ocgov.com/octaxbill</u>, 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 3, 2013, using the Orange County Treasurer-Tax Collector's website at <u>ocgov.com/octaxbill</u> will be accepted as timely payment of taxes, and the receipt you print on-line is as valid as the receipt you would receive in our office. Freidenrich made this change from the prior 5:00 pm deadline after taking office in 2011.

Payments by eCheck, which allows a taxpayer to pay using their bank account on-line without a convenience fee, represents over 14% of the tax payments received in FY 2012-2013, and are up over 65% since 2011. Mailed tax payments currently represent 50% of the tax payments received since July 1, 2012.

Annually, the Treasurer bills for over \$220 million in unsecured taxes. Unsecured tax bills were sent to over 70,000 businesses, 30,000 leased equipment owners, 32,000 boats owners, and over 750 aircraft owners. The amount of the unsecured taxes has increased by 11% from the prior year.



/S/ Shari L. Freidenrich Orange County Treasurer-Tax Collector