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Property Tax Payment Deadline is Friday, April 10!

Orange County Treasurer-Tax Collector Shari Freidenrich today reminds Orange County taxpayers that the second installment of property taxes is due no later than Friday, April 10, 2015. Payments not received by Friday, unless they have a United States Postal Service stamp on or before April 10, will incur a 10% late penalty plus a \$23 fee. Current second installment secured property tax receipts are ahead of the same time last year with \$38 million more in property taxes being received. Total secured property tax receipts are \$174 million ahead of the same time last year.

"Last year, we received over 50% of property tax payments electronically. Taxpayer payments online by eCheck are the fastest growing payment method and property tax payments by eCheck have almost doubled in the last several years" stated Treasurer Freidenrich. "This secure online payment option using your bank account is free to the taxpayer, and your payment is applied to your account the same day as you make the payment online." Taxpayers can make payments using this method up to midnight on April 10 by going to <u>ocgov.com/octaxbill</u> or scanning the QR code below. Taxpayers can also include their e-mail address to have their payment receipt e-mailed directly to them.

Taxpayers who need a copy of a prior year's tax bill in order to complete their State or Federal income tax returns by April 15, can view and print their 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15 property tax bills online 24/7 using the Treasurer's website at <u>ocgov.com/octaxbill</u>. In addition, taxpayers can sign up to receive a due date reminder e-mail by registering their e-mail with the Treasurer. This e-mail will go out approximately ten days before and again one day prior to the last timely payment date. An e-mail will also go out when the 2015-16 secured tax bills are available online. Taxpayers can register their e-mail address at <u>ocgov.com/taxreminder</u>.

If a taxpayer pays using a bank's or other on-line payment site, please make sure the payee is listed as the "County of Orange" and include the APN number as the account number, exactly as it shows on the tax bill. Payments not postmarked by the Treasurer from the bank by April 10, 2015 will incur a late fee penalty of 10% of the amount due plus a \$23 fee. As it may take several days, and possibly up to a week to receive these payments, we encourage taxpayers to pay using the Treasurer's secure online site to avoid a potential penalty.

Check out our newest online enhancement by clicking on the map icon when you view your property tax information online. See your property on a GIS map with certain property tax information or go directly to <u>ocgov.com/octaxmap</u> (view in Chrome or Firefox) to view any property in the County of Orange.



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

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