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DELINQUENT NOTICES FOR UNSECURED TAXES MAILED

Orange County Treasurer-Tax Collector Shari L. Freidenrich, CPA, announced that her office will be mailing over 23,000 delinquent notices to taxpayers who have unsecured property taxes outstanding as of September 30, 2011. This compares to 25,000 delinquent notices mailed last year. Over 100,000 unsecured tax bills were mailed in July for taxes on business and personal property, such as boats and aircraft. The total amount due on these notices is \$33.4 million versus \$34.7 million that was delinquent at this time last year. This represents a decrease in the number of delinquent unsecured tax bills mailed of 8% from the prior year. Reflecting the economic downturn, the total tax due from business and personal property taxes in Orange County has dropped this year to \$213.5 million from \$224.5 million last year. The Treasurer-Tax Collector has collected over \$188 million in unsecured taxes so far this year.

The notices include a 10% delinquent penalty plus an administrative fee. If payment in full is not received before November 1, 2011, interest at a rate of 1.5% per month (18% per year) will be added to the amount due and will continue to accrue until the bill is paid in full. In addition, a tax lien will be filed on all delinquent assessments.

The current and prior year's tax bills are available online to view and make payments at <http://bos.ocgov.com/octaxbill>. Payments made by mail must have a USPS postmark date on or before October 31, 2011 to avoid the additional interest of 1.5% per month and a tax lien. Partial payment are accepted on unsecured tax bills. Treasurer Freidenrich encourages taxpayers to "Go Green" and pay your property tax bill on-line by eCheck at "no cost" using your bank account at <http://bos.ocgov.com/octaxbill>.

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