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Property Tax Payment Deadline is next Thursday!

Orange County Treasurer-Tax Collector Shari Freidenrich today reminds Orange County taxpayers that the second installment of property taxes is due no later than Thursday, April 10, 2014. Payments not received by Thursday, 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 tax receipts are approximately 10% ahead of the same time last year with \$52 million more in property taxes being received. Total secured tax receipts are \$148.3 million ahead of the same time last year.

“Last year, we received about 50% of property tax payments electronically. Taxpayer payments online by eCheck are the fastest growing payment method and tax payments are up over 30% this year,” stated Treasurer Freidenrich. In December 2013, our website had over 88,000 page views. “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 ocgov.com/octaxbill 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 and 2013-14 property tax bills online 24/7 using the Treasurer’s website at ocgov.com/octaxbill. 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 2014-15 secured tax bills are available online. Taxpayers can register their e-mail address at ocgov.com/taxreminder.

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 received by the Treasurer from the bank by April 10, 2014 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.



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