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Last Chance to Start a Payment Plan for Delinquent Property Taxes

Deadline is June 30 or Properties May Be Auctioned

A listing of all properties by city with delinquent taxes owed for five or more years has been published by Orange County Treasurer-Tax Collector Shari L. Freidenrich, CPA, in the newspaper and online at ocgov.com/defaultedproperties. These properties may be subject to auction unless owners act now to enter into an installment plan for payment.

Property owners have until June 30, 2014, to begin a Five-Year Installment Plan to pay the delinquent taxes on their properties. The property owner must qualify for the plan by meeting certain criteria. If the tax-defaulted properties more than five years without payment do not have an installment plan started and in good standing by June 30, the only way to avoid the tax auction is to pay 100% of the taxes, penalties and fees levied on the property prior to the date of the next tax auction. No partial payments or installment payments will be accepted prior to the auction date.

Have you moved or your business relocated and you haven't received a property tax bill recently? If so, and you did not file a change of address with the Office of the Assessor and not gone online to pay your property tax bill, your taxes may be delinquent. You can download a change of address form at ocgov.com/octaxbill, just click on "How to" and then on "Request a Change of Address." An easy way to check whether your property taxes are outstanding is to go online to ocgov.com/octaxbill and input either the property address or the parcel number (APN). Click "find" and then click on the APN link that will identify if there are outstanding property taxes due. Taxpayers should consider checking online before the final tax installment payment date to make sure that all payments have been processed. Another easy way to remember to make your payments is to sign up for our email reminder system that sends an email alert when property tax bills are mailed. The alerts are sent 10 days prior to the last payment date and one day prior to the last payment date.

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Orange County Treasurer-Tax Collector**

