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Unsecured Property Tax Payment Deadline on August 31

Orange County Treasurer-Tax Collector Shari Freidenrich reminds those with unsecured property taxes due for Fiscal Year (FY) 2017-18 relating to business property, leased equipment, boats and aircraft to submit payment by Thursday, Aug. 31, 2017 to avoid late charges. Any unsecured property tax payments received after Thursday, Aug. 31, 2017 that do not show a U.S. Postal Service date stamp for the 31st or earlier will be charged a 10 percent delinquent fee and a \$75 processing fee.

Treasurer-Tax Collector Shari Freidenrich encourages taxpayers to not stand in line, but pay online by eCheck with no additional cost using a bank checking or savings account at ocgov.com/octaxbill, a secure website. "The most cost-effective way for my office to process tax payments is by eCheck," says Freidenrich. To further assist taxpayers, tax payments processed no later than 11:59 p.m. PST, Thursday, Aug. 31, 2017, using the Orange County Treasurer-Tax Collector's website at ocgov.com/octaxbill will be accepted as timely payment of taxes, receive same-day credit, and a receipt from the online payment that can either be printed or emailed.

The owner of record as of Jan. 1, 2017 is responsible for paying the unsecured property tax even if the unsecured property has been sold or otherwise disposed of after Jan. 1, 2017 as these taxes are not prorated by time of ownership. The new owner is not responsible for paying the 1 percent tax on the personal property purchased until Jan. 1, 2018.

As a reminder, unsecured property tax bills are no longer issued for businesses and boats or aircraft that have an assessed value of less than \$3,000 (estimated \$30) in property taxes. View your FY 2017-18 unsecured tax statement at ocgov.com/octaxbill for current or delinquent unsecured property taxes and if you don't have the TC Reference number, if you are a business, you can use the unsecured property tax search feature by business name.

Payments by eCheck, which allows a taxpayer to pay using their bank account online without a service fee, represents over 22 percent of all property tax payments received in FY 2016-2017. The number of mailed payments has been decreasing and currently represents less than 43 percent of all property tax payments.

The Treasurer billed over \$217 million in unsecured property taxes for FY 2017-18. Unsecured property tax bills were sent to approximately 90,000 businesses, 24,000 boat owners, and 770 aircraft owners.

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