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Property Tax Payment Deadline is Monday, December 11!

Orange County Treasurer-Tax Collector Shari Freidenrich reminds Orange County taxpayers that the first installment of property taxes is due no later than Monday, December 11, 2017. Payments not received by Monday, unless they have a United States Postal Service stamp dated on or before December 11, will incur a 10 percent late penalty. Current first installment secured property tax receipts are ahead of the same time last year with \$57 million more in property taxes being received.

“Last year, we received over 57 percent 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 a bank account does not charge any service fees to the taxpayer, and the taxpayer receives same day payment credit to their property tax account.” Taxpayers can make payments using this method up to midnight on December 11 by going to ocgov.com/octaxbill or scanning the QR code below. Taxpayers can also include their email address to have their payment receipt emailed directly to them and have it printed as well. The receipt includes the property address and the APN.

Taxpayers who did not receive a copy of their tax bill can print a duplicate copy of their tax bill online 24/7 using the Treasurer’s website at ocgov.com/octaxbill. They can also view and print their 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 property tax bills and view the last two years of payment detail. In addition, taxpayers can also go to ocgov.com/taxreminder and sign up to receive a payment reminder by text (NEW) or by email approximately 10 days and one day before each installment’s last timely payment date.

If a taxpayer pays using a bank’s or other online 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. Online banking payments not received by the Treasurer from the taxpayer’s bank by December 11, 2017, will incur a late fee penalty of 10 percent of the amount due. As it may take several days, and possibly up to a week to receive these payments from banks, taxpayers are encouraged to pay using the Treasurer’s secure online site to avoid a potential penalty.

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