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Unsecured Property Tax Payment Deadline is September 3

SANTA ANA, Calif. – The Orange County Treasurer-Tax Collector recommends those with unsecured property taxes related to business property, leased equipment, boats and aircraft for fiscal year (FY) 2019-20 submit payment by September 3 to avoid late charges.

Taxpayers who wait until September 3 to pay their bill must have a U.S. Postal Service date stamp for the 3^{rd} or earlier, or deliver the payment in person by 5 p.m. to our office or process their payment by midnight online at <u>ocgov.com/octaxbill</u>. Delinquent unsecured tax bills will be charged a 10 percent penalty plus a \$75 collection fee.

Treasurer-Tax Collector Shari L. Freidenrich encourages taxpayers to not stand in line, but pay online by eCheck with no additional cost at <u>ocgov.com/octaxbill</u>. Taxpayers receive same-day credit and a receipt that can be printed or emailed.

"We don't want to see anyone incur a late charge, that's why we give multiple reminders," Freidenrich said. "Taxpayers can sign up for text and email alerts at ocgov.com/ocunsecuredreminder. Paying your taxes takes just minutes through our simple online payment system by eCheck, which is no cost."

The owner of record as of January 1, 2019 is responsible for paying the unsecured property tax even if the unsecured property has been sold or otherwise disposed of after January 1, 2019, as these taxes are not prorated by time of ownership. The new owner of the unsecured property is not responsible for paying the property taxes on the personal property purchased until January 1, 2020.

As a reminder, unsecured property tax bills are no longer issued for businesses, boats or aircraft that have an assessed value of less than \$3,000 in property taxes. Taxpayers can view prior tax statements online at <u>ocgov.com/octaxbill</u> to see if any current or delinquent unsecured property taxes are owed. You can search by TC reference number or business name.

This FY, unsecured property tax bills were sent to 92,177 businesses, 23,192 boat owners and 590 aircraft owners totaling \$234 million.

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