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Delinquent Notices for Unsecured Property Taxes Mailed

Orange County Treasurer-Tax Collector Shari L. Freidenrich, CPA announced that her office has mailed approximately 15,800 delinquent notices totaling \$19.3 million to taxpayers who have unsecured property taxes outstanding as of September 1, 2018. This compares to 14,000 delinquent notices mailed last year. This represents an increase in the number of delinquent unsecured property tax bills mailed of 12% from the prior year. Over 93,000 unsecured property tax bills were mailed in June, July and August for property taxes on business and personal property, such as boats and aircraft. The total unsecured property tax due from business and personal property taxes in Orange County has increased slightly this year to \$235 million from \$223.3 million last year. The Treasurer-Tax Collector has collected over \$219 million or 92.5% in unsecured property taxes so far this year.

The delinquent notices include a 10% penalty plus a \$75 collection fee. Interest at a rate of 1.5% per month (18% per year) will be added to the amount due and will continue to accrue until the bill is paid in full. In addition, a property tax lien will be filed on the delinquent assessments in November if they remain unpaid.

The current and nine years of prior unsecured property tax bills are available online to view at ocgov.com/octaxbill. There are several ways to search for your unsecured property tax bill. If you have last year's bill, you can search by TC Ref# or by year and assessment #. A new feature is a search by business name. Finally, if you own a boat or aircraft, you can search by CF# or N-Number, respectively.

Treasurer-Tax Collector Shari Freidenrich encourages taxpayers to view an online statement for all property taxes including unsecured property taxes at ocgov.com/octaxbill. She also encourages taxpayers with delinquent unsecured property taxes to "Go Green" and pay online by eCheck at no cost using their bank checking or savings account at ocgov.com/octaxbill, a secure website, and receive same-day credit and an emailed receipt. Finally, taxpayers should consider signing up for a payment reminder for unsecured property tax at ocgov.com/ocunsecuredreminder.

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