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Property Tax Payment Deadline is Monday, April 11!

Orange County Treasurer-Tax Collector Shari Freidenrich today reminds Orange County taxpayers that the second installment of property taxes is due no later than Monday, April 11, 2016. Payments not received by Monday, unless they have a United States Postal Service postmark on or before April 11, will incur a 10% late penalty plus a \$23 fee. Current second installment secured property tax receipts are ahead of the same time last year with 13% more in property taxes being received. Total secured property tax receipts are \$663 million ahead of the same time last year.

“Last year, we received over 54% of property tax payments electronically. Taxpayer payments online by eCheck are the fastest growing payment method and property tax payments by eCheck have doubled in the last several years” stated Treasurer Freidenrich. “This secure online payment option using your bank account does not charge a service fee, provides a payment receipt, provides same day credit to your account on the day you make the payment online.” Taxpayers can make payments using this method up to midnight on April 11 by going to ocgov.com/octaxbill or scanning the QR code below. Taxpayers should include their e-mail address to have their payment receipt e-mailed directly to them.

Taxpayers who need a copy of a prior year’s tax bill in order to complete their State or Federal income tax returns by April 15, can view and print their 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 property tax bills online 24/7 using the Treasurer’s website at ocgov.com/octaxbill. In addition, taxpayers can sign up to receive a due date reminder e-mail by registering their e-mail with the Treasurer. This e-mail will go out approximately ten days before and again one day prior to the last timely payment date. An e-mail will also go out when the 2016-17 secured tax bills are available online. Taxpayers can register their e-mail address at ocgov.com/taxreminder.

If a taxpayer pays using a bank’s or other on-line 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 property tax bill. Payments not received by the Treasurer from the bank by April 11, 2016 will incur a late fee penalty of 10% of the amount due plus a \$23 fee. As it may take several days, and possibly up to a week to receive these third-party payments, we encourage taxpayers to pay using the Treasurer’s secure online site to avoid a potential penalty.

If you have already paid your property taxes, make sure you check out the online property tax statement at ocgov.com/octaxbill and input your APN or address to see if you have a prior year delinquent property tax bill or if you have a refund due to you.



**/S/ Shari L. Freidenrich
Orange County Treasurer-Tax Collector**