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Tax Collector’s Office Reminds Taxpayers of Property Tax Installment Plan

Installment plan allows for payment of property taxes in four quarterly payments

DeFuniak Springs, FL (March 27, 2009) – The Walton County Tax Collector’s Office reminds taxpayers of the availability to pay their property taxes for 2009 in four installment payments by participating in the Installment Plan. Deadline to enroll in the Installment Plan is April 30.

The Installment Plan payment option provides property owners with an opportunity to pay their upcoming 2009 tax bill in four quarterly installment payments. To participate in the program requires individual taxpayers to submit an enrollment application to the Tax Collector’s Office by April 30. The form is available on the Tax Collector’s website at wالتontaxcollector.com under the Forms Center Tab/ Property Forms. The enrollment form can also be picked up at either of the Tax Collector’s Offices.

To qualify for participation in the installment plan, the property owner’s prior year taxes must have exceeded \$100 and the account must be current with no delinquencies.

Participants in the installment plan will receive a bill for each of their installment payments. The 1st and 2nd installments are based on $\frac{1}{4}$ of the previous year’s taxes. The 1st installment is discounted 6%, and the 2nd installment, due September 30th, is discounted 4.5%. The 3rd and 4th installments are $\frac{1}{2}$ of the remaining actual tax liability for the current year. The 3rd installment is discounted 3% and is due by December 31st. The 4th installment is not discounted and due by March 31st.

The plan requires that the first installment payment be made no later than June 30th. Failure to make the first payment will automatically terminate the participant’s eligibility for the remainder of the year. The taxpayer will then be sent a regular tax bill in November, and must apply to be reinstated on the installment plan for future tax years.

For additional information, please contact the Walton County Tax Collector’s Office at 850.892.8121. Or visit wالتontaxcollector.com.

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