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Property Tax Bills To Be Mailed Thursday

FAYETTEVILLE – The Cumberland County Tax Administration Department will mail 107,036 property tax bills on Thursday, Aug. 20. The bills will reflect two major changes – a revision in real property values due to the county wide revaluation that became effective Jan. 1, 2009, and a lower county tax rate of 76.6 cents per \$100 valuation adopted by the Board of County Commissioners in June. The rate was reduced by 9.4 cents.

About 1 percent of real property owners appealed their “2009 Change of Valuation” notices within the appeal period that expired May 29. More than 50 percent of those appeals were finalized by the Board of Equalization & Review prior to mailing the bills. However, if a citizen’s timely filed appeal has not yet been heard before the Board of Equalization & Review, he or she will receive a revised bill shortly after the scheduled hearing if a change of value is approved.

Disabled Veteran Tax Homestead Exclusion

The tax bills being mailed Thursday may not reflect the reduction in taxes for the Disabled Veteran Tax Homestead Exclusion due to recent changes made to the legislation by the N.C. General Assembly. The first \$45,000 of appraised value of the residence is excluded from taxation for a qualifying owner.

Revised tax bills will be mailed in September or October showing the corrected tax amount for veterans who have completed the application process, but were pending due to the changes per the General Assembly. The revised language for N.C.G.S. 105-277.1c can be found in Section 22. (c) on pages 16-17 at the Web site:

www.ncga.state.nc.us/Sessions/2009/Bills/Senate/PDF/S509v5.pdf.

Payment Information

Property tax bills are due Sept. 1 and must be paid in full by Jan. 5, 2010, to avoid interest and other penalties. Partial payments are accepted prior to Jan. 6, the delinquent date. Payment

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arrangements can be made beginning Sept. 1. Bills not paid in full by Jan. 5 will be subject to interest beginning Jan. 6 at a rate of 2 percent and increases by $\frac{3}{4}$ percent each month thereafter.

Tax bills can be paid by mail or in person Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., excluding holidays, in Room 527 of the County Courthouse at 117 Dick St. Bills may also be paid online using a credit card (a processing fee applies) or by electronic draft (no processing fee) from a checking account. Go to www.co.cumberland.nc.us and click on "Pay Taxes Online." Individuals may also call 1-866-441-6614 to pay by credit card (a processing fee applies).

If you have any questions, please contact the Tax Administration customer service department at (910) 678-7507.