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## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **Tax Office Mails Property Tax Bills**

**August 8, 2014, Monroe, NC** - The Union County Tax Office will send out 2014 annual property tax bills in August. The tax bills will be mailed directly to individuals who pay the bill – either property owners or mortgage companies with which taxes are escrowed. The approximately 37,000 property owners who escrow their property taxes with their mortgage companies should not receive a tax bill.

The Union County tax rate for FY 2014-15 is \$0.7614 cents per \$100 assessed valuation, \$0.3064 cents for county services and \$0.4550 cents for Union County Public Schools. The increase of \$0.1014 per \$100 assessed valuation represents a tax rate increase of 15.4 percent due to increased funding levels for Union County Public Schools as mandated by state legislation passed earlier this year.

The residents of Wingate, Wesley Chapel, Fairview, Mineral Springs, Marshville and Hemby Bridge will receive one tax bill that includes both county and municipal taxes. This partnership with these municipalities provides residents with one point of contact for all their property tax questions and concerns.

Property tax bills are due Sept. 1, 2014. To avoid interest charges, property tax payments must be paid on or before Jan. 5, 2015. If mailed, the payment must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service on or before that date.

Property owners whose payments are postmarked on or after Jan. 6, 2015, will be charged a 2 percent interest penalty for the month of January and an additional  $\frac{3}{4}$  percent every month thereafter until the bill is paid. All unpaid taxes will be advertised in the local newspaper and an additional advertising fee will be added to each bill.

If you need assistance paying your annual tax bill, the Union County Tax Administrator's office has short term payment plan options available. Payment plans must be arranged with our office no later than Dec. 15, 2014. The first payment is required at the time of the arrangement. No formal payment plans will be made after a bill has become delinquent. After delinquency, all bills are subject to authorized enforcement measures. If you need assistance with making these arrangements please contact our Customer Service department at 704-283-3848.

To provide easy access to payment options, there are several ways to pay your tax bill:

- **By Mail:** Mail your check using the return envelope in your tax bill.
- **In person:** Pay by cash or check at the Tax Collector's office located on the first floor of the Union County Government Center weekdays between 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- **By Drop Box:** Located on Stewart St. Extension behind the historic post office.
- **By phone:** 1-888-977-8411; Credit and debit cards accepted, additional processing charges will apply, and you must have account information available.
- **By Internet:** Visit our web page at [www.unioncountync.gov](http://www.unioncountync.gov); Credit and debit cards accepted, additional processing charges will apply.

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