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NEWS RELEASE

Tax Office to Mail Property Tax Bills

August 8, 2016, Monroe, NC - The Union County Tax Office will send out the 2016 annual property tax bills in mid-August. The tax bills are mailed directly to individuals who pay the bill – either property owners or mortgage companies with which taxes are escrowed. The Tax Office sends a courtesy notice to the approximately 37,000 property owners who escrow their property taxes.

The Union County tax rate for FY 2016-17 is \$0.7665 per \$100 assessed valuation, \$0.2782 for county services, \$0.0048 for Countywide Fire, \$0.0263 for Countywide EMS and \$0.4572 for Union County Public Schools. The decrease of \$.01 in 2016 per \$100 assessed valuation is due to the Board of County Commissioners adopting a lower county tax rate.

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

Property taxes are due Sept. 1, 2016. To avoid interest charges, property tax payments must be paid on or before Jan. 5, 2017. 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, 2017, 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 feel 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, 2016. 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; E-checks, 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; E-checks, credit and debit cards accepted, additional processing charges will apply.

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