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2013 PROPERTY TAX PAYMENT DEADLINE IS DAYS AWAY!

Austin, TX – Friday, Jan. 31, 2014, is the last day to pay 2013 property taxes without penalty and interest. Payments mailed with a U.S. Postal Service postmark are considered timely upon receipt. If you have waited until this month, here are your payment options:

• Online at www.traviscountytax.org	Jan. 31, Midnight
• By mail with a U.S. Postal Service postmark	Jan. 31
• In person at 5501 Airport Blvd (main office)	Jan. 31, 5:30 p.m.
• In person at any satellite tax office	Jan. 31, 5:00 p.m.
• By phone at (512) 854-9473	Jan. 31, 5:30 p.m.
• By drop box at 5501 Airport Blvd.	Jan. 31, Midnight

"The postmark on your payment is critical," says Bruce Elfant, Travis County Tax Assessor-Collector and Voter Registrar. "Taxpayers who want to use their own bank's online services to pay must be aware that if the bank does not postmark the payment by Jan. 31, penalties and interest will apply as required by law. You should always check your bank's terms of service before making a property tax payment. You can also pay by electronic check at www.traviscountytax.org."

This year, fees for electronic checks were reduced. The new fee structure charges $2 for transactions $1,000 or less and $5 for transactions more than $1,000. Credit card payments can also be processed online and are subject to a 3 percent convenience fee. Many taxpayers are surprised to discover that there are fees for paying online. The Texas Property Tax Code prohibits the collection of any fee other than the actual property tax due. As a result, accepting online payments requires a third party vendor. Travis County does not keep any portion of the fees; they are collected by the vendor to cover the cost of processing transactions and providing online services.

For information about property taxes or a copy of your 2013 tax bill go to www.traviscountytax.org or call (512) 854-9473.

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The **Travis County Tax Office** is responsible for collecting over $2.7 billion in local property taxes for 111 jurisdictions, registering and titling over 800,000 vehicles, registering over 600,000 voters, supporting elections for 201 entities and collecting $4 million in court fines and fees for the JP and County Courts at Law. The Tax Office operates five locations in Travis County.