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ATTENTION DELINQUENT TAXPAYERS! TRAVIS COUNTY NOTIFIES 22,264 OF UNPAID BILLS

Austin, TX - Over 22,000 Travis County property owners with unpaid taxes received (or will soon receive) notice by mail to pay up or face additional penalties. As of March 1 all unpaid property taxes automatically accrued 9% penalty and interest; the schedule of penalty and interest is dictated by the Texas Property Tax Code.

Delinquent taxpayers may contact the tax office at (512) 854-9473 to arrange a payment plan. They may apply in person at the main tax office location, 5501 Airport Boulevard from 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM weekdays. They may also apply for a payment plan online at www.traviscountytax.org.

"The Texas Property Tax Code is very clear about actions that must be taken to collect delinquent taxes," said Bruce Elfant, Travis County Tax Assessor-Collector. "The law states that we must notify taxpayers of delinquent status and we must assess penalty and interest," he said.

All unpaid taxes follow a schedule of penalty and interest that increases each month starting at 7% in February. By the sixth month of delinquency, the penalty and interest reaches 18%. In a year's time, the total is 24%.

Delinquent taxpayers must notify the tax office to avoid legal action beyond accrual of penalty and interest. For those who qualify, a payment arrangement prevents legal action as long as the taxpayer adheres to the agreement. Owners of 2,284 properties have signed payment agreements for 2013 tax payment.

Call (512) 854-9473 between the hours of 7:30 AM and 5:30 PM weekdays for assistance.

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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.