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## Tax Bills Mailed, Payment Options Available

FAYETTEVILLE – Cumberland County Tax Administration mailed tax bills to property owners last week. Taxpayers are reminded that property taxes are due Sept. 1. However, a grace period allows payments to be made until Jan. 5, 2018, with no penalties or interest. After Jan. 5, unpaid tax bills will begin to incur a 2 percent interest charge the first month and .75 percent interest charge each month thereafter beginning Feb. 1.

There are several ways taxpayers can pay their tax bills. They can go online to <u>www.co.cumberland.nc.us/tax/payments/</u> and pay with an electronic check, major credit card or debit card. Visa consumer debit cards are charged a flat-rate fee of \$3.95. All other credit and debit card payments are charged a convenience fee of \$2 or 2.65 percent of the amount paid, whichever is greater.

Payers can also set up an online bill pay option with their financial institution. It's important taxpayers using this option verify and update the tax bill number on file with their bank, as it can change annually.

Payments by phone can be made by calling 1-866-441-6614. Phone payments must be made with a major credit card or debit card. The credit and debit card convenience fee is charged.

Payments that include a remittance coupon can be mailed to: Cumberland County Tax Collector PO Box 538313 Atlanta, GA 30353-8313

Payments without a remittance coupon can be mailed to: Cumberland County Tax Collector PO Box 449 Fayetteville, NC 28302-0449

Mailed payments must be made with a check or money order payable to Cumberland County Tax Collector.

Taxpayers can also make payments in person from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Tax Administration office located on the fifth floor of the Cumberland County Courthouse, 117 Dick Street in Fayetteville. The office accepts cash, check, money order and major credit and debit cards. The credit and debit card convenience fee is charged.

Also included in this year's tax mailing is a reminder for residents to vaccinate and license their pets. Cumberland County requires pet owners to purchase pet privilege licenses for their dogs and cats annually. The pet licensing fees are \$7 for spayed/neutered pets and \$25 for unaltered pets. There is no cost for certified service animals. Pet owners who are 65 years old or older may license up to three pets for free. Additionally, North Carolina state law requires dogs, cats and ferrets have a current rabies vaccination. See your veterinarian about vaccinating your pet.

For more information about tax bills, call 910-678-7507 or visit <u>www.co.cumberland.nc.us/tax</u>.

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