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Second Installment of Property Taxes Due

Property owners can avoid penalties by making the April 10 deadline

San Rafael, CA -- Don't be late! The second installment of Marin County 2012-2013 property taxes is now due, and property owners are encouraged to submit payment by April 10 to avoid being late.

Per state law, payments must be postmarked no later than April 10 or be delivered to the Tax Collector's Office no later than 5 p.m. April 10 to avoid a 10 percent penalty and a \$10 fee. As always, property owners are encouraged to pay early.

Property taxes may be paid online or by phone with a credit card or by electronic funds transfer. The online address and pay-by-phone numbers are provided on tax bills. Property owners will need their tax bill number to file with those methods.

If you plan to pay online or by phone, keep these in mind:

- The online option can be addressed at www.marincounty.org/paytax.
- For payment by phone, call 1-800-985-7277.
- The fee charged for credit card payments is 2.5 percent of the amount paid.
- The electronic funds transfer charge is \$1.95 per transaction.
- The fees for the online and phone option are not retained by the County but paid to our provider as a cost of the service.

Contact the Tax Collector's Office if you are a property owner who did not receive a tax bill in the mail, especially those who have recently purchased real estate. Non-receipt of a tax bill does not excuse one from paying taxes or from penalties for late payments.

The Tax Collector's office hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays and will be extended to 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, April 10. More information is on our webpage at www.marincounty.org/paytax. For questions about the payment of taxes, contact the Tax Collector's Office at (415) 473-6133.

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