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### **POSTCARD NOTIFICATION OF POSSIBLE DELINQUENT TAXES**

In an effort to notify Denton County taxpayers as early as possible that their taxes may be delinquent, the Denton County Tax Assessor-Collector office is mailing postcard reminder notices in February. The postcard will be mailed to each property owner listed on the tax roll that shows a balance due as of February 13, 2014.

If a property owner receives a postcard notification from the Tax Assessor-Collector office, it means that the office may not have received their property tax payment and they need to contact the Tax Office as soon as possible.

In prior years, the Tax Office posted an advertisement in local newspapers to let owners know the deadline to pay property taxes. Often property owners assumed their taxes were paid and the advertisement didn't apply to them.

Texas statute requires a notice of delinquency must be mailed to all Personal Property accounts in February and all Real Property accounts in May. Property owners who thought their taxes were paid didn't realize that their account was delinquent until they received the notice of delinquent tax as late as May. By that time, the property owner owed hundreds or even thousands of dollars in penalties and interest.

"I want to do all I can to notify property owners that their taxes are still due. The law doesn't allow the tax assessor-collector to forgive penalties or interest. If a property owner receives a notice that their account is delinquent, it will be important to pay as quickly as possible." said Michelle French, Denton County Tax Assessor-Collector.

The Tax Assessor-Collector office will mail approximately 35,000 postcard reminder notices and approximately 4300 February Personal Property delinquent notices. Property owners who receive a notice may visit the Denton County Tax Assessor-Collector website at <http://tax.dentoncounty.com> or call 940-349-3500 to learn more about payment options.