DEADLINE TO PAY 2015 PROPERTY TAXES IS FEBRUARY 1st

The date to pay 2015 property taxes timely is quickly approaching. Property taxes are due on or before January 31st each year. This year January 31st falls on a Sunday so the date to pay taxes is extended to the following business day, or February 1st.

Property owners who receive an “Over 65” or “Disabled Person” Exemption may pay their property taxes in four equal installments, also known as the “quarter payment option”. The first payment is due no later than January 31st. The second payment would be due no later than March 31st. The third no later than May 31st and the final no later than July 31st. A property owner taking the quarter payment option will need to sign their property tax payment stub or submit a written request with their payment to activate the installment payment program.

This year’s property tax payments with a postmark on or before February 1st will be considered timely paid regardless of the date it is received by the Tax Office. “If a property owner is mailing their payment on February 1st, we strongly recommend going to the post office to ensure their mail is postmarked properly” said Michelle French, Denton County Tax Assessor-Collector.

Property taxes that remain unpaid on February 2nd will be subject to penalty and interest beginning at 7%. Each month that the property taxes remain unpaid, the penalty and interest increases another 2% through July. After July, the interest continues to increase at 1% per month until paid. It is important to note that the Tax Assessor-Collector is restricted from waiving penalty and interest resulting from a late payment.

Personal property and mobile home taxes remaining unpaid as of April 1st of the year in which they became delinquent will be referred to the delinquent tax attorney and will incur an additional penalty equal to 15%-20% of the total taxes, penalties and interest due.

All real property remaining unpaid as of July 1st of the year in which they became delinquent will also be referred to the delinquent tax attorney. The additional penalty equal to 15%-20% of the total taxes, penalties and interest will also be assessed.

Property owners that are shown to be delinquent in February may receive a postcard reminder from the Denton County Tax Office.

Property taxes may be paid online by eCheck or credit/debit card, by mail, drop box at any of the tax office locations or in person. Customers may experience a longer wait than usual if they decide to pay in person. “We are more than happy to assist our customers who visit our offices. However due to the volume of customers at this very busy time of year, we do ask for patience as we serve each customer with their transactions” Michelle French, Denton County Tax Assessor-Collector stated.

If a property owner did not receive their tax statement, they can download a copy of it by visiting http://tax.dentoncounty.com or scan the QR Code below.