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**Having Difficulty Paying Your Property Tax Bill?
Would it help if you could Pay In Four Quarterly Installments?
Then be sure to act before the May 1, 2006 Deadline!**

Doris Maloy, Leon County Tax Collector, said "While most taxpayers choose to pay their taxes early or on time, every year we have a small percentage who fail to pay by the date of delinquency."

There are many reasons why taxpayers go delinquent, but, for some, using the option to pay their taxes in four smaller installments offers a very attractive alternative. Mrs. Maloy said "state law authorizes taxpayers to meet their property tax obligations by paying in four quarterly installments, but many of our local taxpayers are not even aware that this option is available!"

While it is obviously too late to arrange to pay the taxes that are currently due for calendar year 2005 by installments, **taxpayers who have difficulty paying their entire tax bill in a single lump sum may want to consider filing an application prior to May 1, 2006 to qualify for paying their 2006 local property taxes in quarterly installments.**

"Installments are definitely not for everyone, but, depending upon the circumstances, it can be a very helpful alternative" said Mrs. Maloy.

Applications for the Installment Plan are available upon request through the Tax Collector's Office. Interested parties can visit any of the Tax Collector's Customer Service Centers, call 850/488-4735, or download and print a copy of the required form by visiting the Tax Collector's Web site, www.leontaxcollector.net. (Look under "Forms".)

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