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**Are You Having Difficulty Paying Your Property Tax Bill? Consider
Paying It In Four Quarterly Installments.**

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 a quarterly installment plan, but many of our local taxpayers are not even aware that this option exists!"

It is too late to arrange to pay the taxes that are currently due by installments. However, taxpayers who are having 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 helpful alternative" said Mrs. Maloy.

Applications for the Installment Plan are available upon request through the Tax Collector's Office. If you are interested, call 850/488-4735.

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