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**2006 Property Tax Bills are "In the Mail" and The Tax Roll is Open for  
Collection**

Doris Maloy, Leon County Tax Collector, announced today that the 2006 property tax notices (bills) have all been mailed and the tax roll is officially open for collection as provided in Chapter 197, Florida Statutes.

State law provides discounts for early payment of such taxes. A discount of four percent (4%) is provided if payment is received in the month of November; three percent (3%) if it is paid in December; two percent (2%) if it is paid in January; or one percent (1%) if it is paid in February. No discount is provided if payment is made in the month of March.

Local property taxes become delinquent on April first of each year. After that date, penalties and interest begin to be added to the amount of tax otherwise due.

Mrs. Maloy said, "Most taxpayers take advantage of these discounts and avoid the imposition of penalties and interest that comes with paying after the date of delinquency."

She added "Though it is too late to do so for the current tax year, taxpayers who have difficulty coming up with the entire amount that they owe in a single lump sum may be better served by signing up to pay their taxes on the Installment Payment plan. This plan allows taxpayers with an estimated tax bill of \$100 or more to make four installment payments through the year. Participants still qualify for the discount."

Taxpayers who wish to participate in the installment plan for next year's taxes must file an application by May 1, 2007. Applications are available from the Tax Collector's Office and can be requested by telephone by calling 850/488-4735.

"The Installment plan is not for everyone, but, many of our local taxpayers are not even aware that this option exists! It can offer certain taxpayers an attractive alternative. For that reason, I want to let people know it is available for their consideration."

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