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## **CATAWBA COUNTY TAX OFFICE TO MAIL 2016 PROPERTY TAX NOTICES**

NEWTON, NC – The Catawba County Tax Office is scheduled to mail more than 96,000 property tax notices during the week of July 11, 2016.

The notices will be mailed with a courtesy return envelope for taxpayers to use to return payments to the Catawba County Tax Collector. Taxes will be due on September 1, 2016 and delinquent after Thursday, January 5, 2017. Payment arrangements may be made prior to September 1, 2016. Delinquent taxes will be subject to a 2% interest penalty for the month of January 2017, and a 3/4ths of 1% penalty for each following month.

Taxpayers with an internet connection will find the amount of tax due online at [www.catawbacountync.gov/tax](http://www.catawbacountync.gov/tax). A taxpayer should look for a link on the left side of the page labeled "Search Tax Bills", then click on that link. He or she should then select to search by the option "Owner Name" and enter a last and first name. Click on "GO" and then "Bill #" to see tax bill details.

Property owners may pay their taxes online, if they wish. A property owner will need to use an abstract number, shown on the actual tax bill or the bill number on the Tax Bill Search page online, to make payments through the Pay Taxes Online link on the left hand side at [www.catawbacountync.gov/tax](http://www.catawbacountync.gov/tax). A non-refundable convenience fee will be charged on all electronic transactions.

The value of the property is shown on the middle part of the property tax notice. Just below the value of the property, the tax rate for Catawba County (57.5 cents per \$100 of property valuation for fiscal year 2016-2017) and for a municipality, if the property lies in a town or city, is shown. Fire district tax rates, if they apply, are also noted. The amount due to both the County and a municipality is specified, and the total amount due clearly indicated. Notices provide taxpayers with a complete record of payment.

If a taxpayer has an outstanding balance from previous years, a note will show on the payment coupon portion of the bill to call the County Tax Department about the outstanding balance. The amount of the existing balance will not be listed; only that the taxpayer has unpaid taxes due from prior years. Information on setting up a payment plan is also shown on the front of the bill.

The notices also contain explanations regarding the due and past due dates for payment; the consequences for those who do not pay by January 5, 2017; and special information for escrow mortgage accounts. In the middle section of the notice, the abstract number, due dates and dates when interest begins are clearly printed, along with the Property Identification Number (PIN), the REID number, the location of the property and acreage information. A brief description of listed personal property is also included in this section.

For more information on the mailing of Catawba County property tax notices during the week of July 11, 2016, and payment options you may contact the Catawba County Tax Office at 828-465-8414 or visit the County's web site at [www.catawbacountync.gov/tax](http://www.catawbacountync.gov/tax).

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