



# News Release

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**Re: New tax bills mailed**

(New Hanover County)—New Hanover County property tax notices for 2008 will soon arrive in property owners' mailboxes. A total of 106,000 notices valued at \$31,116,100,000 (\$31.1 billion) will be arriving in mailboxes this week. Payments may be paid through January 5, 2009 to avoid interest penalty. Taxpayers will also notice a new look to this year's tax bills.

In an effort to remedy the errors made in last year's calculations, the New Hanover County Tax Department developed several internal edits and review checks throughout the tax billing process. In addition, the tax department worked closely with the Information Technology Department and the county's software provider, Tyler Technologies, Munis Division, on countless edits, checks and balances to ensure the accuracy of the 2008 tax bills. Please note that if a property has an appeal pending the amount on the bill is correct until the appeal process has ended and is due and payable prior to January 6, 2009.

Senior citizens and totally and permanently disabled taxpayers are also reminded of the qualifications for the North Carolina Homestead Exemption. To qualify, a person must:

- Be at least 65 years of age or totally and permanently disabled.
- Have an income for the preceding calendar year of not more than \$25,000.
- Be a resident of North Carolina and live in and own the home or mobile home for which the exemption is being requested.

If a taxpayer needs to make payment arrangements they should contact the tax department immediately at (910) 798-7300 to set up an installment plan. If the installment plan is paid in full prior to January 6, 2009 no interest will be applied.

The New Hanover County Tax Department is located at the New Hanover County Government Center, 230 Government Center Drive (between South College and Eastwood Roads). Taxpayers are also reminded that payments may be made online by clicking [www.officialpayments.com](http://www.officialpayments.com) and following the prompts.

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