



# News Release

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**Re: Overdue Tax Bills**

(New Hanover County)—New Hanover County property owners with outstanding tax bills have until the close of business February 27 to avoid seeing their names published in the Wilmington Star News.

Unpaid real estate taxes will be advertised in March, unless all payments are received and processed by the New Hanover County Tax Collector by 5:00 p.m., February 27. Please take notice that US Postal Service postmarks will not be considered proof of payment by the deadline. In addition to the unpaid taxes, the cost of advertising the property owner's name and amount of tax owed will be added to the tax bill.

Advertisement of tax liens is the first step in the foreclosure process.

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