

# Use Alternate Route To Pay Car Taxes

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Car taxes are due this week for some 3,500 residents of Richland County -- but the worst thing they could do is go by the county administration building to pay their bills.

Instead, county Treasurer David Adams is asking them to pay another way.

Because 2,000 people will already be at 2020 Hampton St. casting absentee ballots, parking is difficult at best.



**Treasurer Adams speaks with the media to encourage taxpayers to use optional tax payment methods.**

Adams' advice is either to:

- go by an NBSC bank, which accepts tax payments
- mail their tax payment, which will be considered on time if it has a Friday postmark
- use a credit card to pay online at [www.rcgov.us/treasurer](http://www.rcgov.us/treasurer)

At that internet address, click on the link "tax payment options" to see bank locations and other details on paying tax bills.

Adams said the last day of October is “our busiest car-tax day of the year.”

With 150 parking spaces surrounding the building, he said, “They’re going to have a terrible time finding a parking spot and paying their taxes on Friday.”

Those who are late paying their taxes could face a \$25 penalty to the state Department of Motor Vehicles, depending on whether their registration expires this year or next.

For those who insist on paying their taxes Friday at the administration building, Adams said parking meters will not be enforced.

John David Spade, Columbia’s parking services director, confirmed that tickets will not be issued within two blocks of the administration building along Harden, Hampton and Lady streets. Enforcement will resume Wednesday morning, he said.