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More Than 10,000 Use Drop Locations
Alternate Options Generate 21,105 Payments Without Standing in Line

Columbia, SC - As the busiest property tax season approaches, the Richland County Treasurer's Office reached a milestone in November. More than 10,000 citizens have now paid their tax bills at the newly created drop locations throughout Richland County.

In the last twelve months, 10,450 people have dropped tax payments off at midlands-area NBSC branch locations and an additional 10,655 used the Internet and Automated Phone System to pay their bills.

"That is twenty-one thousand fewer people who have to stand in line or stamp and mail checks to pay their taxes," said Treasurer David A. Adams who implemented alternate payments. "We must make government easier to deal with and these payment options are our first steps in accomplishing that goal."

Tax payments can be made at any NBSC banking location. Payments can also be made by Credit Card at 803/576-2262 or on the Internet at www.richlandonline.com.

"I will continue explore new alternatives that will give taxpayers the flexibility to meet their tax obligations in a way that is most convenient for them," Adams concluded.

Approximately 190,000 property tax payments are anticipated from November 2004 thru January 2005 and over 35,000 of those have traditionally stood in line to make their payment at the Treasurer's Office.

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