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Franklin County 2007 payable 2008 real estate tax bills to be mailed on July 18, 2008
Delayed due date available to property owners impacted by March flooding disaster

Franklin County Treasurer John Gulley announced today that 2007 payable 2008 real estate tax bills will be mailed on Friday, July 18, 2008. Installment payments are due on Monday, August 18, 2008 and Wednesday, September 17, 2008.

Beginning Monday, July 21, 2008, payments can be accepted in person at the Treasurer's Office at the Franklin County Courthouse in Benton, at any bank in Franklin County, or via mail. Banks cannot accept late payments. When making payment, please bring or send your statement along with your check. Taxes can also be paid on the internet at www.franklincountyil.org using your Visa, Mastercard, Discover, or American Express. A convenience fee will apply. This fee is not charged nor collected by the Franklin County Treasurer's Office. Due to technical concerns, payment by phone will not be available this year.

Taxpayers are reminded that there is a late payment penalty of 1.5% per month for installments not paid by the installment due dates.

A delayed due date is available to property owners impacted by the spring flooding disaster. Since Franklin County was declared a state disaster area by Governor Blagojevich on March 20, 2008, taxpayers who were impacted by the flooding can delay payment of both installments of real estate taxes without late payment penalty until Wednesday, October 8. In order to take advantage of this temporary relief, taxpayers must contact the Franklin County Emergency Management Agency at (618) 439-4362. The Franklin County Emergency Management Agency must certify that the property was indeed damaged or adversely affected by the March flooding.

If you have not received your tax bill by August 4, 2008, please call the Treasurer's Office at (618) 438-7311. If the bill you have received should go to someone else, please call or return the bill to the Treasurer's Office with the name and address of the new owner.

For more information about 2007 payable 2008 real estate taxes, please contact the Franklin County Treasurer John Gulley's office at (618) 438-7311. For more information about the March disaster declaration, contact Franklin County Emergency Management Agency Director Ryan Buckingham at (618) 439-4362.

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