

**ORANGE COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

ACTION AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

Meeting Date: February 2, 2010

Action Agenda

Item No. 4-C

SUBJECT: Advertisement of Tax Liens on Real Property

DEPARTMENT: Tax Administration

PUBLIC HEARING: (Y/N)

No

ATTACHMENT(S):

- 1) Order of the Board of County Commissioners in accordance with G.S. 105-369.
- 2) Contents of the Advertisement: Advertisement Headers

INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jo Roberson 245-2735

PURPOSE: To report the amount of unpaid taxes for the current year that are liens on real property as required by North Carolina General Statute 105-369 and to establish March 17, 2010 as the date set by the Board for the tax lien advertisement.

BACKGROUND: North Carolina General Statute 105-369 requires the Tax Collector to report to the governing board the total amount of unpaid taxes for the current year that are liens on real property. This report is available in the Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners' office. Upon receipt of this report, the governing board must order and set a date for the lien advertisement. Tax liens may be advertised any time between March 1 and June 30. All properties that were sold during the year of 2009 will be advertised in the new owners' name.

There are two purposes of the tax lien advertisement. The first purpose is to call attention to delinquent taxpayers by publishing their names in the newspaper. Many taxpayers pay their taxes before the advertising date so that their names will not appear on the advertisement. The second purpose is the most important. The tax lien advertisement is an integral step in the in-rem foreclosure procedure.

North Carolina General Statute 105-369 (d) allows the Tax Collector to determine the actual cost of the advertisement and to set a per parcel rate to allow the County to recoup the cost of advertisement. The cost for advertisement was changed to \$3.75 per parcel ad for the advertisement of 2001 properties completed in March of 2002. This was the first time in 10 years there had been an increase to the property owners of Orange County. It has been determined that the cost of advertisement will not substantially increase for this year and therefore it is the recommendation of the Tax Collector that the same amount of \$3.75 be charged for the 2009 advertisement.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: There will be no financial impact to the County. Under North Carolina General Statute 105-369 (d), each parcel of real property advertised pursuant to this statute shall be assessed an advertising fee to cover the actual cost of the advertisement.

RECOMMENDATION(S): The Manager recommends that the Board accept the report and set the lien sale advertisement date for March 17, 2010.

**ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
IN ACCORDANCE WITH G.S. 105-369**

State of North Carolina
County of Orange

To: Jo Roberson, Tax Collector of Orange County:

You are hereby authorized, empowered, and commanded to advertise tax liens on real property for failure to pay 2009 taxes. You shall advertise said liens by posting a notice of the liens at the county courthouse and by publishing each lien at least one time in one or more newspapers having general circulation in the taxing unit. **Advertisement of the tax liens shall be made on Wednesday, March 17th, 2010.**

This order shall be a full and sufficient authority to direct, require, and enable you to advertise said tax liens in accordance with North Carolina General Statute 105-369.

Witness my hand and official seal, this

Valerie P. Foushee
Chair, Board of County Commissioners

Attest:

Donna Baker
Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners

(Advertisement to appear in *The Herald*)

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ORANGE COUNTY
TOWN OF CARRBORO
TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL
TOWN OF HILLSBOROUGH**

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This the 17th day of March 2010.

Jo Roberson
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