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## **City Property Taxes due Jan. 3, 2017 without penalty**

*Online property tax payments and information available at fingertips*

**MURFREESBORO, Tenn.** — City property taxes are typically due by Dec. 31 but payment can be made on or before January 3, 2017 without penalty and interest.

Finance Director and City Recorder/Treasurer Melissa Wright reminds property owners to pay property taxes on time. Taxes paid or postmarked after January 3, 2017 will be subject to penalty and interest. The penalty for late payment begins accruing January 4 at the rate of 1 and ½ percent per month, or any portion of a month, applied to the base tax until they are paid. Payments may be made with cash, check, or credit card. Bank counter checks or two-party checks are not accepted.

Murfreesboro Citizens no longer have to make a trip to City Hall or use the postal service to make property tax payments. An innovative new website helps property taxpayers of Murfreesboro, and those who need to access property tax information online. The web site address is available at <https://www.murfreesborotntax.com/#/> and will take you to the tax information for the City of Murfreesboro.

Citizens can pay online via Pay Pal® using Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover credit/debit cards or Forte Payment Services using an e-check. In addition, citizens can print a copy of their tax bill or a paid receipt, using the web site features. A convenience fee is added for credit/debit card transactions of approximately 2.25% (subject to change) of the charged amount that will be added to your payment and paid directly to the credit card service provider. The fee added for e-checks is a flat \$1.50.

Payments made by mail should be made payable to the City of Murfreesboro and mailed to P.O. Box 1139, Murfreesboro, TN 37133-1139. Payments made in person are to be made at City Hall, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Finance Department, 111 West Vine St., Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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Partial property tax payments are accepted. The City also participates in the State of Tennessee Tax Freeze program. Low income senior citizens or disabled veterans may qualify for the State of Tennessee Property Tax Relief program and receive a reduction in property taxes.

The online tax payment site was developed and will be maintained by Sturgis Web Services of Fort Mill, South Carolina [www.sturgiswebservices.com](http://www.sturgiswebservices.com). Pay Pal® is an ebay® company and is the largest secure Internet provider globally. Forte Payment Services, founded in 1998, is headquartered in Allen, Texas, and was named to the Inc. 5000 list in 2015 for the eighth consecutive year.

If you have any questions concerning your tax notice or if you have not received your tax notice, please call the Tax Department at City Hall (615) 893-5210 or contact Finance Director Melissa B. Wright at [mwright@murfreesborotn.gov](mailto:mwright@murfreesborotn.gov). You may also visit the Tax and Finance Department webpage at <http://www.murfreesborotn.gov/Index.aspx?NID=131>.

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