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Delinquent list features more than \$22 million in unpaid property taxes

Annual property tax duplicate will run two days this week in Columbus Dispatch

COLUMBUS, Ohio (Oct. 6, 2016) – Franklin County Auditor Clarence Mingo this morning announced that this year's delinquent property tax list will run today and tomorrow in the *Columbus Dispatch*.

The list – which also appears online at www.franklincountyauditor.com – includes 12,413 properties with a total of \$22,006,863.95 in unpaid property taxes. The average delinquent amount on each property is about \$1,773.

“The publication of the list is state law,” Mingo said. “We are not attempting to shame people but rather collect what is owed so everyone's property tax responsibility is fair and equitable.”

In the month following the publication of last year's list, property owners paid back \$2.5 million of the then \$21,832,469.90 total. Those payments removed 1,766 properties from the list.

At the time of making the delinquent land list, as provided in section 5721.011 of the Revised Code, the county auditor shall compile a delinquent tax list consisting of all lands on the delinquent land list on which taxes have become delinquent at the close of the collection period immediately preceding the making of the delinquent land.

The delinquent tax list shall contain all of the information included on the delinquent land list, except that, if the auditor's records show that the name of the person in whose name the property currently is listed is not the name that appears on the delinquent land list, the name used in the delinquent tax list shall be the name of the person the auditor's records show as the person in whose name the property currently is listed.

The auditor shall cause the delinquent tax list to be published twice within sixty days after the delivery of the delinquent land duplicate to the county treasurer, in a newspaper of general circulation in the county. The newspaper shall meet the requirements of section 7.12 of the Revised Code. The auditor may publish the list on a preprinted insert in the newspaper.

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