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NEWS RELEASE

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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### 2018 PROPERTY TAXES ARE DUE BY JANUARY 31, 2019

Allison Nathan Getz, Jefferson County Tax Assessor-Collector, reminds citizens of Jefferson County that 2018 property tax payments must be paid by **Thursday**, January 31, 2019 to avoid penalty and interest charges.

Property tax payments may be made in person at:

- 1) Jefferson County Courthouse, 1149 Pearl, Beaumont;
- 2) Jefferson County Sub-Courthouse, 525 Lakeshore Drive, Port Arthur; or
- 3) Mid County Tax Office, 4605 Jerry Ware Drive, Beaumont (near the Airport).

All three (3) locations will remain open until 5:00 pm on **Thursday**, January 31<sup>st</sup>.

2018 payments by mail must have a Post Office cancellation mark on or before January 31, 2019 to avoid penalty and interest charges. The cancellation mark must be affixed by the Post Office and not a metered postmark. Payments by mail may be sent to Jefferson County Tax Office, P. O. Box 2112, Beaumont, TX 77704.

Taxes become delinquent on February 1<sup>st</sup> and penalty and interest will be assessed as follows: February 7%, March 9%, April 11%, May 13%, June 15%, and July 18% with 1% added for each month thereafter. Delinquent Personal property taxes not paid prior to April 1<sup>st</sup> may be subject to an additional attorney fee, as provided under section 33.11 of the Texas Property Tax Code. Delinquent Real and Personal property taxes not paid prior to July 1<sup>st</sup>, are subject to an additional attorney fee, as provided under section 33.07 of the Texas Property Tax Code.

"Jefferson County has an excellent payment rate," Allison said. "We typically collect over 98% of the total tax roll on a current basis. We appreciate the effort our community makes."

"We hope this reminder will help people remember to not overlook taking care of a payment they fully intended to make. Please call our office if you are having difficulty meeting your tax obligation. There are special provisions for payment for citizens with age homestead or disability exemptions. The Tax Office deputies will be more than happy to give information on options that are available under the State Property Tax Code."

Taxes may be paid in cash, check, or credit/debit card in person. Telephone payments may be made by calling 1-866-549-1010 and use **Bureau Code: 2228888**. Also, credit card payments or e-check payments may be made online at [www.certifiedpayments.net](http://www.certifiedpayments.net) (**Bureau Code: 2228888**) and follow the instructions on the screen. A convenience fee of 2.25% on credit card payments and no fee on e-check payments will occur.

**NOTICE: First Class postage increase to take effect January 27, 2019. If mailing your tax payment, please make sure you have applied proper postage to the envelope. First Class rates increasing to \$.55 for letters (1 oz.).**

For questions, taxpayers may call the County Tax Office at 835-8516.

**Allison will be available to answer any questions from the media by calling 835-8714.**