Property Tax Rate in Deschutes County Sees Small Increase

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Property taxes in Deschutes County are measurably low this year. If you have not made any changes to your property: Bend property taxes are only 2.6% higher than last year; Redmond property taxes have increased by less than 1%; and in the City of Sisters, property taxes are increasing by approximately 2.2%.

Property taxes in Bend are 2.6% higher than last year, due November 15. Ballot measure 50, passed by citizens in May of 1997, intended to insure predictability to paying property taxes by limiting the "maximum assessed value" increases to 3% each tax year unless a change is made to a property. This year, for most property owners, property taxes will increase by less than 3%.

Beginning Friday, October 20, approximately 93,000 property tax statements will be mailed to Deschutes County property owners. The legal deadline to pay taxes to avoid any penalty interest is Wednesday, November 15.

An information flyer will be inserted into all County tax bills that explain why some tax rates have changed, where to pay your taxes, and where your tax dollars go. The flyer will also include information regarding Veteransâ€™ exemptions, and how to find property tax data on the Countyâ€™s website by visiting www.deschutes.org.

Tax payments must be delivered or postmarked on or before November 15, 2006. Full tax payments made by that date will receive a 3% discount. Payments may be dropped off at the Deschutes County Tax Office, 1300 NW Wall Street (second floor), through November 15.

For more information regarding tax payments, payment drop-off sites and collection issues you may call 388-6540; or for assessed value, exemption and deferral information, call 388-6508.