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Chatham County Tax Commissioner's Office Offers New Streamlined Services, Online or In-Person, for Citizens

SAVANNAH, Ga. (April 19, 2022) – The <u>Chatham County Tax Commissioner's Office</u> reminds Chatham County drivers and homeowners that new optimization efforts have made it more convenient than ever to renew auto tags and pay property taxes.

"At the Chatham County Tax Commissioner's Office, we're committed to excellence, transparency, and efficiency," said Chatham County Tax Commissioner Sonya L. Jackson. "That's why we've taken major steps to streamline and optimize our services for Chatham County residents."

From the Tax Commissioner's home page at **tax.chathamcountyga.gov**, citizens can renew their auto tag online, change their address, pay property tax bills, estimate vehicle taxes, check on current wait times at each office, and much more. They can also <u>view</u>, <u>print</u>, <u>or pay property</u> <u>taxes online</u> with an e-check, debit, or credit card and <u>schedule an appointment online</u> at any of the Chatham County Tax Commissioner offices. Citizens are invited to visit **tax.chathamcountyga.gov** to take advantage of these convenient online services.

In addition, Chatham County property tax bills for the first half of 2022 were mailed to homeowners earlier this month. Those payments are due by <u>Wednesday, June 1</u> and can be paid <u>online</u> or <u>in person</u> at any Chatham County Tax Commissioner office.

The Chatham County Tax Commissioner's Office reminds citizens that if their mortgage company pays their property tax bill directly through an escrow account, there's no need to make a duplicate payment. About 33% of Chatham County property tax payments are made through mortgage companies or their designated representatives. In these cases, copies of property tax bills are still mailed to taxpayers for recordkeeping purposes.

For in-person visits to pay Chatham County property tax bills or to handle tag and title renewals, three convenient office locations are open to assist citizens with Chatham County tax-related business:

Downtown Office

222 W. Oglethorpe Ave., Suite 107 Mon.-Fri. 8 a.m.-5 p.m. closed for lunch 1-2 p.m.

Southside Office:

1145 Eisenhower Dr. Mon.-Fri. 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., closed for lunch 1-2 p.m.

Westside Office:

295 Police Memorial Drive (off Chatham Parkway) Mon.-Fri. 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. closed for lunch 1-2 p.m.

Walk-ins are welcome, and current wait times are monitored in real-time on the Tax Commissioner's Office web page. Citizens are invited to call the Chatham County Tax Commissioner's Office at **(912) 652-7100** with any questions.

ABOUT THE CHATHAM COUNTY TAX COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE:

Under State law, the Chatham County Tax Commissioner is responsible for the administration of the billing and collection of current and delinquent ad valorem taxes due the State of Georgia, Board of Education, Transit Authority, Chatham County, Chatham County municipalities, and Special Service District on real and personal property as well as mobile home taxes, public utility taxes, timber taxes, heavy duty taxes, street lighting fees, and solid waste fees. In addition, the Tax Commissioner is responsible for the billing and collection of ad valorem taxes and Title Ad Valorem Tax due the State of Georgia, Board of Education, Transit Authority, and Chatham County municipalities at the time of title application and tag renewal. Under the leadership of Chatham County Tax Commissioner Sonya L. Jackson, the Tax Commissioner's Office operates three convenient offices to serve citizens, including a Downtown Savannah location at 222 W. Oglethorpe Ave. #107, a Southside Savannah location at 1145 Eisenhower Dr., and a West Chatham location at 295 Police Memorial Dr. For more information, please call **(912) 652-7100** or visit <u>tax.chathamcountyga.gov</u> online.

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