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**UNPAID TAXES INCREASE
MORE OPTIONS WILL HELP RICHLAND TAXPAYERS**

(Columbia, SC) The Richland County Treasurer's Office is sending delinquent tax notices by mail to taxpayers who have not paid real estate and personal property taxes due in January 2009. There is an increase in the number of delinquent real estate taxes this year compared to last year.

Revenues remain constant with last year.

"The people who've always paid their taxes on-time are still doing so," stated Treasurer David A. Adams. "But due to the economy, I am worried that folks who are delinquent could have a harder time paying their taxes before the tax sale in December. We can't change how much is owed, but we can help people by giving them options on how they pay their taxes."

For delinquent taxpayers, the Richland County Treasurer's Office still offers assistance. David Adams' Treasurer's Office is the only one in South Carolina where people can make installment payment arrangements for delinquent taxes.

"We are trying everything possible to keep people from going through the tax sale," Adams said. "Our office wants to help, but we can't do anything for the people who don't reach out to us. If folks need us, they need to call us now."

The Richland County Treasurer's Office was also the first to offer installment payments in advance of next year's tax bills (where the Treasurer's Office acts as an escrow agent for the taxpayer).

To find out about the ways the Richland County Treasurer's Office can help, call 576-2250 (ext. 2).

	Real Estate <u>Properties</u>	Real Estate <u>Delinquent</u>	Percent <u>Delinquent</u>
2008	164,296	14,872	9.05%
2007	161,020	13,822	8.58%
2006	155,382	14,176	9.12%
2005	150,956	12,655	8.38%

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