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Satellite Tax Payments Increase 22.3% in 2006

Columbia, SC - Richland County tax payments at NBSC branches surged 22.3% in 2006 as more citizens took advantage of the remote drop locations. 17,849 tax payments were accepted at the satellite locations, 3,252 more than in 2005.

The satellite payments accounted for 4.5% of all tax bills collected from taxpayers in 2006. The money goes directly into County accounts and immediately begins to earn interest.

"One in twenty payments now get dropped off at branches throughout Richland County. This program continues to be a fantastic option for our taxpayers, especially in the outlying sections of the County," Treasurer David A. Adams said. "People don't have to come downtown and stand in line, or use a stamp, and they have the security of seeing the payment - literally - go into the bank."

More than 8,000 (45%) of the 2006 payments were collected at the Spring Valley and Lower Richland NBSC Branch locations.

"The coming year will see more payment options available to our taxpayers. We are constantly searching for common-sense solutions to make it easier for taxpayers to deal with Richland County," concluded Adams. "When you turn sound ideas into action, like this, taxpayers are the winners."

Year	Bank Payments
2004	11,408
2005	14,597
2006	17,849

Two of the busiest tax collection days of 2007 will be Friday and Tuesday (January 12th and 16th). To see all available payment options on-line, visit www.rcgov.us/treasurer.

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