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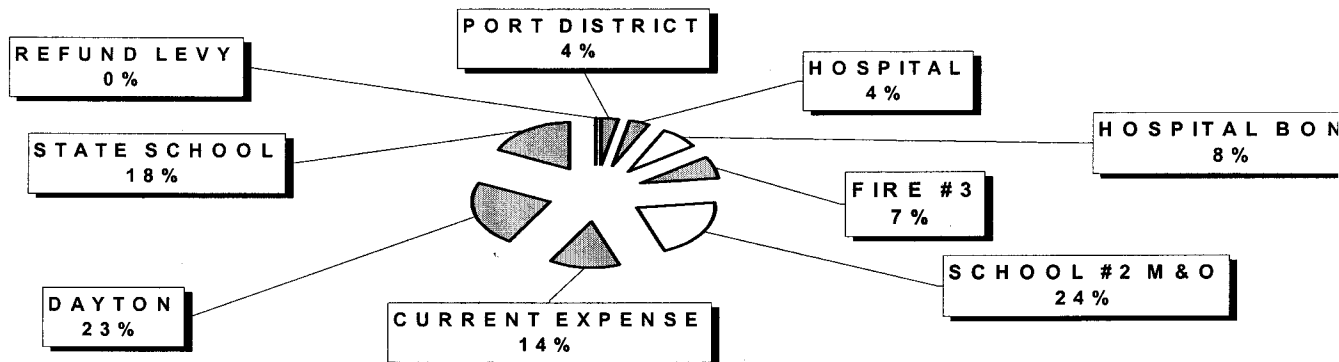
COLUMBIA COUNTY PROPERTY TAX NOTICE

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2007 Tax Dollars on \$100,000 home in Code Area C-2



Light Colored Wedges = Special Levies & Bonds; Dark Wedges = Regular Levies

OPEN SPACE AGRICULTURAL

UNDER RCW 84.34, FARM AND AGRICULTURAL LANDS THAT ARE CONTIGUOUS AND UNDER THE SAME OWNERSHIP, AND THAT ARE PRIMARILY DEVOTED TO COMMERCIAL AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION OF LIVESTOCK OR AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES FOR LAWFUL COMMERCIAL PURPOSES MAY, UPON APPLICATION AND MEETING ALL OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE LAW, BE ASSESSED AND TAXED UNDER CURRENT USE.

PROPERTY TAX DEADLINES

THE FIRST HALF OF THE PROPERTY TAX IS DUE BY APRIL 30TH. IF AT LEAST HALF OF THE TAX IS NOT PAID BY THIS DATE, THE ENTIRE YEAR TAX IS SUBJECT TO THE ASSESSMENT OF INTEREST. IF HALF OF THE TAX IS PAID BY APRIL 30TH, THE REMAINING HALF IS DUE AND PAYABLE ON OCTOBER 31ST. ANY TOTAL ANNUAL TAX BILL OF \$50.00 OR LESS MUST BE PAID IN FULL BY APRIL 30TH.

DELINQUENT TAX LAWS

BEGINNING IN 1982, THE CURRENT YEAR TAXES, IN ADDITION TO THE 12% DELINQUENCY, NOW CARRY A 3% PENALTY IF HALF IS NOT PAID BY MAY 31ST. IF THE DELINQUENT TAX IS STILL NOT PAID AS OF NOVEMBER 30TH, AN ADDITIONAL 8% PENALTY WILL BE ADDED. THE DELINQUENT TAX, IF NOT PAID IN THE YEAR DUE, WILL CARRY A PENALTY OF 11% PLUS 1% INTEREST FOR EACH MONTH OF THE DELINQUENCY UNTIL PAID. ANY TAX THAT IS THREE YEARS DELINQUENT WILL BE SUBJECT TO A FORECLOSURE SALE TO REDEEM THE UNPAID TAXES.

SENIOR /DISABLED CITIZEN TAX RELIEF

EXEMPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE FOR SENIOR CITIZENS AND DISABLED PERSONS. IF YOU OWN A RESIDENCE OR MOBILE HOME, ARE 61 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER, OR RETIRED BECAUSE OF DISABILITY AND HAVE A GROSS INCOME FROM ALL SOURCES OF \$35,000 OR LESS, YOU MAY BE ENTITLED TO A PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION (RCW 84.36.385). YOU MUST, HOWEVER, REPORT CHANGES WHICH AFFECT THE STATUS OF THE TAX EXEMPTION TO THE COUNTY ASSESSOR OR YOU MAY BE LIABLE FOR BACK TAXES, INTEREST AND PENALTIES.

PROTEST REQUIREMENTS

IF YOU BELIEVE THAT YOUR TAX IS UNLAWFUL AND WISH TO PRESERVE YOUR RIGHT TO SEEK A REFUND IN COURT, YOU MUST, AT THE TIME YOU PAY THE TAX, PROVIDE THE COUNTY TREASURER WITH A SEPARATE WRITTEN STATEMENT: (1) SAYING THAT YOU ARE PAYING THE TAX OR PORTION THEREOF UNDER PROTEST, AND (2) STATING ALL OF THE REASONS WHY YOU BELIEVE THE TAX PAID UNDER PROTEST IS UNLAWFUL.

FOR DETAILS OF THESE AND OTHER PROGRAMS, SUCH AS THE TAX DEFERRAL PROGRAM, CONTACT CHRISTINE A. MILLER, COLUMBIA COUNTY ASSESSOR, 341 E. MAIN, DAYTON, WA. 99328 PHONE (509) 382-2131.