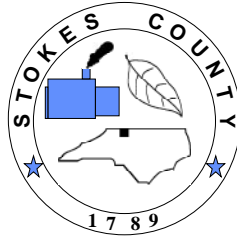


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Stokes County Citizens

Re: Processing of Tax Payments via New Bridge Bank's Lockbox Facilities

Dear Taxpayers:

Recently Stokes County entered into a contract with New Bridge Bank utilizing their lockbox services for the processing of tax payments mailed via the United States Postal Service. Our initial implementation began with the mailing of motor vehicle tax notices at the end of November. Therefore, the first payment transactions by lockbox processing are taking place during the month of December and will continue each month thereafter.

The "remit to" address for payment of County tax bills now reads as follows:

Stokes County
PO Box 727
Lexington NC 27293-0727

The Lexington, North Carolina "remit to" address (New Bridge Bank's Headquarters) has been a cause of concern for several taxpayers receiving our recent motor vehicle bills. We want to displace any of these concerns by confirming to our County taxpayers that the above address is correct. Also, we wanted to advise our taxpayers that the effects of this service provided to the County will result in a long term cost savings.

Sincerely,

Jake M. Oakley
Tax Administrator