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RE

Early Turnover of Delinquent Business Personal Accounts HB 2491

Dear Kent.

I wanted to make your taxing unit aware of a revision to the Texas Property Tax Code, resulting from the recent 79th session of the Texas Legislature. Section 33.11 of this year's annihus property tax bill now allows a taxing entity to turn over delinquent business personal property accounts in April, three months earlier than the former July timeframe, and to impose the delinquent collection penalty.

Tarrant County adopted this change in October 2005. In April 2006, Tarrant County will turn over our delinquent personal property accounts to our county law firm for collections. An expedited and consolidated delinquent tax program will be more effective for our governments and less confusing for our taxpayers. My office will be making program changes to facilitate this early turnover. It will be more efficient if we can make an across the board change for all entities.

As the Tarrant County Tax Assessor-Collector, I fully support this change and recommend that you adopt this legislative provision, taking advantage of this opportunity to maximize your delinquent tax collection potential and thus the revenue it can generate for your jurisdiction.

I have visited with the law firms representing most of you. They should be contacting you about this change. My office will need a copy of the resolution passed by your governing body. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have or meet with you, or your board/council, if you should desire. I would appreciate you keeping me informed of your intentions, so that I can plan accordingly.

As always, Tarrant County is pleased to provide your collection services.

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Betsy Price

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