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Public Advisement Regarding Vehicle Taxes

Rutherford County, December 10, 2015: The Rutherford County Revenue Department would like to advise taxpayers to carefully review their North Carolina license plate renewal notifications with regards to their taxing jurisdictions on the property tax portion of the renewal form.

In September 2013, the State of North Carolina implemented the Tag and Tax Together system of vehicle property tax collection. With this implementation, taxpayers began paying the vehicle property tax at the DMV or License Plate Agencies (or on-line) along with their registration renewal.

Because of issues of getting the State and County systems to agree on addresses, some taxpayers may have a default address for Rutherford County, which has been the County Courthouse address of 229 North Main Street, Rutherfordton, NC 28139. Because of a vote of the Rutherford County Board of Commissioners, this default address will change on January 1, 2016 to an address outside of a municipality to avoid incorrectly taxing vehicles at the higher town tax rate.

If a taxpayer feels they are being incorrectly taxed in a municipality or fire district, they may contact the Revenue Office at (828) 287-6000 and choose option number three for motor vehicle location and value questions. The Revenue Office may adjust their current bill prior to renewal or payment of the taxes at the DMV or License Plate Agency. Prior year taxes may also be reviewed and corrected. The taxpayer may qualify for a refund up to the preceding five years depending on the location address at the time of renewal.

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