

Special 2010 Estimated Property Tax Payment Instructions:

Treasurer Leonard would like to remind Franklin County property owners that the due date for first half taxes for 2010 is **January 20, 2011**. Treasurer Leonard wants to accommodate those taxpayers who prefer to pay their first-half 2010 real property tax bill before December 31st, even though the due date is not until **January 20, 2011**.

Because tax rates have not yet been set by the State of Ohio, your tax amount due for 2010 is yet to be determined. However, for those who would like to pay by year's end before the tax rates for 2010 are set by the state, you may make an estimated tax payment. In order to calculate an estimated tax amount, you may click on the following link to the county Auditor's website at <http://franklincountyoh.metacama.com/globalTaxEstimator.jsp>. You will need to know the assessed market value of your parcel which is also located on the Auditor's website under the property search option at <http://franklincountyoh.metacama.com/altIndex.jsp>.

Your estimated payment can then be made to the Treasurer's office via two methods:

- 1) Mail your ESTIMATED tax payment to our offices at 373 S. High St., 17th floor Columbus, Ohio 43215
 - a. Make sure your check is made payable to Edward Leonard, Franklin County Treasurer, and write the parcel number and "for 2010 taxes" on the memo line of the check.
 - b. If you would like a receipt, include a self addressed stamped envelope.

- 2) Or pay at our office in person at 373 S. High St., 17th floor Columbus, Ohio 43215. Our office hours are Monday through Friday 8 am through 5 pm.

If you elect to make an estimated tax payment, please be certain to verify that you have paid enough tax to meet your first half obligation by January 20, 2011; otherwise penalties will be assessed and interest will accrue. The Treasurer's office will send balance due notices in January before the tax due date. If the estimate you pay exceeds the amount of actual taxes due, the remainder will be applied toward the second half 2010 taxes.

*****Be advised that Friday, Dec 31, 2010 is a Federal holiday and all government offices are closed including the US Postal Services!**