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## Bristol Tennessee City Taxes Due January 6th

The City of Bristol, Tennessee issued notices for the 2013 property tax year in October. Notices were mailed to 14,734 taxpayers on file, including escrowed accounts for informational purposes only. Mortgage companies were also issued a listing of information for all requested accounts. All property tax accounts are due by January 5<sup>th</sup>. In 2014 January 5<sup>th</sup> will fall on a Sunday, giving taxpayers an extra day to pay on Monday, January 6, 2014.

Payments postmarked with this date will also be accepted as timely remitted. Failure to pay by the due date will result in a 5% penalty on the outstanding balance and interest will also accrue on the account at a rate of 1.5% per month.

The city accepts payment for property taxes by cash, check, or money order. Payments may be made in person at City Hall, 801 Anderson Street, in Room 203. Payments also may be dropped off in the City Finance deposit box located outside City Hall on 8<sup>th</sup> Street. Please do not include cash if submitting payment through the drop box. If mailing the payment, remit to City of Bristol, Tennessee, Finance Department, P.O. Box 1348, Bristol, Tennessee 37621.

Tax Relief programs are also available to eligible elderly or disabled homeowners through the State of Tennessee and the City of Bristol. Requirements for an elderly homeowner include: the obtainment of age 65 or older on or before December 31, 2013, must own and use the property on which application is submitted as the primary residence, and eligible annual income cannot exceed \$27,800. Requirements for a disabled homeowner include: must be rated totally and permanently disabled by Social Security Administration or other qualified agency on or before

December 31, 2013, must own and use the property on which application is submitted as the primary residence and eligible annual income cannot exceed \$27,800. Also, disabled veterans may be eligible for relief if certain service related disability criteria are met and if the property is also owned and used as the primary residence. If a taxpayer believes that they may be eligible for tax relief assistance, please contact the city at 423-989-5500 and request a Property Tax Customer Representative. Taxpayers may also come to City Hall located at 801 Anderson Street, Room 203 for assistance.

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