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RENTAL PROPERTY MUST BE REGISTERED WITH AUDITOR

A new state law effective September 29, 2006 and significantly updated last year requires that all residential rental property in Hamilton County be registered with the County Auditor. All property owners in Hamilton County whose tax bill is mailed to them and not to an escrow agent were notified in their January bill of this provision and were given until March 1, sixty (60) days after receiving the tax bill, to register residential rental property. There was also notice that the owner has sixty (60) days to register residential rental property when a transfer occurs.

The Residential Rental Property Registration Form is available on the Hamilton County Auditor's website, www.hcauditor.org, or it may be obtained by calling (513) 946-4060.

The Hamilton County Auditor's Office plans to notify all residential rental property owners who have not yet registered and those whose tax bill is mailed to their mortgage company in order to give them an additional opportunity to comply with this new law. If the owners fail to act, a penalty will be charged on the December tax bill for failure to comply in 2008. If they still fail to comply, additional penalties will be applied to subsequent tax bills.

The properties registered as residential rental properties will be available for viewing on the Hamilton County Auditor's website on or about June 1st.

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Reference: Ohio House Bill 294, effective September 29, 2006
Ohio House Bill 119, effective September 29, 2007