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RENTAL PROPERTY MUST BE REGISTERED WITH AUDITOR

A state law effective September 29, 2006, and updated last year requires that all residential rental property in Hamilton County must be registered with the County Auditor. All property owners in Hamilton County whose tax bill is mailed to them and not to an escrow account were notified in their property tax bill of this provision and were given sixty (60) days after receipt of the tax bill to register any residential rental property. Notice is also given that a new owner has sixty (60) days to register residential rental property when a transfer of property 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) 946-4000. The deadline for filing to avoid a penalty has been extended to **August 20, 2008**.

The Hamilton County Auditor's Office has also recently notified by mail all residential rental property owners who have not yet registered and those whose tax bill is mailed directly to their mortgage company in order to give them an additional opportunity to comply with the requirements of this law. If owners fail to act in accordance with this law by the deadline of **August 20, 2008**, a penalty of \$50 is planned for the second half of tax year 2008 to be charged on the January 2009 tax bill as a special assessment against the subject property of the violation.

The properties which are registered as residential rental properties are now available for viewing on the Auditor's website.

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