

COUNTY COLLECTION OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTY TAXES

Question: Does your county collect taxes for municipalities in the county area? If so, for which municipalities do you collect and do you charge a fee?

Responses: 39 Counties (85%)

Synopsis: Of the 39 counties that responded, 25 (64%) collect taxes for municipalities in the county area, and 14 do not (36%).

Of the 25 counties that do collect taxes, 9 indicated that they charge the municipalities; 1 county retains the interest; 6 do not charge; and 9 counties did not provide information on this portion of the question.

County	Collect Municipal Taxes	Municipalities (Population)	Charge for Collection
Abbeville	Yes	Calhoun Falls (2,303) Donalds (354) Honea Path (3,504)	
Aiken	Yes	Jackson (1,625) Monetta (220) New Ellenton (2,250) Perry (237) Salley (410) Wagener (863) Also collect for College Acres SPD.	No charge - These taxes are a line on our tax bill.
Allendale	Did not respond		
Anderson	Yes	Anderson (25,514) Belton (4,461) Honea Path (3,504) Iva (1,156) Pelzer (97) Pendleton (2,966) Starr (173) West Pelzer (879) Williamston (3,791)	Collect vehicle tax only. We charge 0.20/transaction.
Bamberg	Yes		
Barnwell	Yes		\$1.00/bill for current tax collections; \$2.00/bill for delinquent

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Beaufort	Yes	Beaufort (12,950) Bluffton (1,275) Hilton Head Island (33,862) Port Royal (3,950) Yemassee (807)	No charge
Berkeley	No	n/a	n/a
Calhoun	Did not respond		
Charleston	No	n/a	n/a
Cherokee	Did not respond		
Chester	Yes	Chester (6,476) Great Falls (2,194)	
Chesterfield	Yes		
Clarendon	Yes		
Colleton	No	n/a	Considering
Darlington	Yes		Charge \$0.10/notice on original renewals on vehicles on the assessor's tape.
Dillon	No	n/a	n/a
Dorchester	No		
Edgefield	Yes	Edgefield (4,449) Johnston (2,336) North Augusta (Edgefield County portion only) Trenton (237)	By written agreement, we charge the municipalities \$0.60/tax bill, both real estate and vehicle.
Fairfield	Yes		
Florence	Yes	Florence (30,248) Johnsonville (1,418) Lake City (6,478) Olanta (613) Pamplico (1,139) Quinby (842) Timmonsville (2,315)	We charge \$0.78/tax notice. We increase this rate as needed to cover postage increases, etc.
Georgetown	Yes	Andrews (3,068) Georgetown (8,979) Also collect for Murrells Inlet/ Garden City SPD.	No charge; we retain the interest earned on the funds until they are distributed monthly.
Greenville	Yes	Fountain Inn (6,017) Greenville (55,988) Greer (16,843) Mauldin (15,224) Simpsonville (14,352) Travelers Rest (4,099)	No charge
Greenwood	No	n/a	n/a

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Hampton	No	n/a	We are in the discussion phases of beginning municipal collection and fees is certainly a part of the discussion.
Horry	Did not respond		
Jasper	No	n/a	n/a
Kershaw	Yes		
Lancaster	Yes		
Laurens	Yes	Clinton (8,545) Cross Hill (601) Gray Court (1,021) Laurens (9,916)	We collect for real property and for vehicles for the municipalities that have a tax levy. Effective in 2003, the county increased its collection fee to one percent of the gross collections (per municipality).
Lee	Did not respond		
Lexington	Yes		
Marion	No	n/a	n/a
Marlboro	Yes	Bennettsville (9,425) Blenheim (137) Clio (774) McCull (2,498) Tatum (69)	We charge \$1.00 per printed notice.
McCormick	Yes	McCormick (2,659)	No charge
Newberry	No	n/a	n/a
Oconee	No	n/a	n/a
Orangeburg	No	n/a	n/a
Pickens	Yes	Central (3,522) Clemson (11,939) Easley (17,754) Liberty (3,009) Norris (847) Pickens (3,012) Six Mile (553)	The county charges \$1.50/notice/municipality to cover the costs of materials, production, and mailing.
Richland	Yes	Blythewood (170) Columbia 116,278) Eastover (830) Forest Acres (10,558) Irmo (11,039)	No charge
Saluda	Did not respond		
Spartanburg	No	n/a	n/a
Sumter	Yes	Mayesville (1,057) Pinewood (512) Sumter (39,643)	No charge
Union	No	n/a	n/a

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Williamsburg	Did not respond		
York	Yes	Clover (4,014) Fort Mill (7,587) Hickory Grove (337) Rock Hill (49,774) Sharon (421) Tega Cay (4,044) York (6,985)	York County charges \$0.40/notice for real estate and vehicle taxes. We disburse funds collected by the 20th of the month following collection.
Total: 46	Yes: 26 No: 13		Charge Fee: 9 Keep Interest: 1 Don't Charge: 6 No information: 9