

## Cowlitz County Treasurer warns of apparent email scam

Cowlitz County Treasurer Kathy Hanks is warning County taxpayers of an apparent email scam. It has been reported to the Cowlitz County Treasurer that false emails are being circulated to Cowlitz County residents that solicit payment for “past due” Cowlitz County Treasurer property tax bills. The emails may list an account number, which appears to be derived from a Cowlitz County parcel number that relates to payment of a property tax bill. These emails did not originate from Cowlitz County, nor are they authorized by the Cowlitz County Treasurer’s Office.

Cowlitz County property owners can securely pay their property tax bills online using [www.officialpayments.com](http://www.officialpayments.com). This link is noted on the official Cowlitz County website, [www.co.cowlitz.wa.us](http://www.co.cowlitz.wa.us). Although the Cowlitz County Treasurer is evaluating notifying property owners by email regarding their property taxes, these current emails are fraudulent. Taxpayers are urged to closely review any email soliciting payment that mentions the Cowlitz County Treasurer or any other County office.

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