

# Memo

To: Hazel Haynes, Clerk to the Board

From: Richard Lawson, Tax Administrator

Date: 01/21/2026

Re: Request to be on agenda for February 2, 2026

Pursuant to NCGS 105-369(a), the Tax Collector must report to the governing body the total amount of unpaid taxes for the current fiscal year that are liens on real property no later than the first Monday in February.

A list of outstanding 2025 Real Property tax bills will be available on the Tax Department page of the county website [www.rutherfordcountync.gov/tax](http://www.rutherfordcountync.gov/tax) as of February 2, 2026.

The Tax Department would also like to request the ability to advertise the unpaid taxes in the local newspaper between March 1 and May 31, 2026. The date range gives the Tax Office the flexibility to schedule the advertisement with the local newspaper.

Thank you,

Richard Lawson  
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