



**PRESS RELEASE**  
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**MAYOR DELLUMS ANNOUNCES TAX PENALTY AMNESTY PROGRAM**  
*Delinquent Taxes Can Be Paid Without Penalty through October 31, 2009*

**OAKLAND** – Mayor Dellums today announced the City of Oakland’s Tax Penalty Amnesty Program, which allows businesses with unpaid taxes or under-reported gross receipts to file with the City without penalty between August 1<sup>st</sup> and October 31<sup>st</sup> of this year. Businesses who have not registered with the Revenue Division are also eligible to apply.

“As Oakland deals with these difficult financial times, it is essential that all possible revenue – taxes and otherwise – are collected so that we can fund crucial services. This is another example of government and enterprise working together with compassion and understanding for the benefit of Oakland residents. I urge all businesses to take advantage of this amnesty period,” said Mayor Dellums.

Qualifying taxes include: Business Tax, Residential/Commercial Property Business Tax, Transient Occupancy Tax, Parking Tax, and Utility User’s Tax. In order to qualify for a penalty waiver, citizens must apply and submit the Tax Penalty Waiver Form and the Tax Penalty Amnesty Application Form, postmarked no later than October 31, 2009.

After October 31<sup>st</sup>, full penalties and interest assessments will apply. The Revenue Division will pursue a range of enforcement actions, including but not limited to:

- 25 percent penalty;
- Additional 1 percent per month interest;
- Notice of Violation and Fine
- Referral to Collections and possible legal action

To learn more, please contact the Tax Penalty Amnesty Program hotline at (510) 238-7254 weekdays from 8:30am to 3:30pm, visit [www.oaklandnet.com](http://www.oaklandnet.com).