

*Eddie Fair is currently scheduling appointments to meet with area residents and organizations to discuss concerns or offer beneficial information to tax payers about the Tax Collector's Office. To schedule an appointment, please contact Kenisha Calvin at 601.968.6586 or [kcalvin@co.hinds.ms.us](mailto:kcalvin@co.hinds.ms.us)*

## Taxes

If your 2011 real estate taxes remain unpaid, you must contact the Chancery Clerk's office at 601-968-6508 to make payment.

The Tax Collector's Office is responsible for the collection of taxes in Hinds County and is not responsible for the increase or decrease in real/personal property taxes. If you have any questions and/or concerns about the decrease or increase in your property taxes, you should call the **Tax Assessor's Office at (601) 968-6616. (Charles Stokes) (The Tax Assessors office assess all property tax.)**

## Forms of Payment

We accept cash, money orders, checks, debit and credit cards. When paying by check, tags/decals will be mailed out after 10 business days, however; you will be given a copy of your updated registration and tag receipt and the time of purchase. There will be a convenience fee of 3% of your total for credit card transactions and a \$3.95 convenience fee on debit cards transactions. The convenience fees are charged by the vendor, not the Hinds County Tax Collector's Office. We will accept payments from Visa, Master Card, Discover and American Express cards.

## Penalty Fee for Late Tag Renewal

The penalty for late renewal of your license plate is 5% after the first 15 days the tag is over due. There is an additional penalty of 5% for each additional 30 days that the tag is overdue. The maximum penalty is 25%. Once you reach the 25% penalty, you will not be allowed any Legislative Tag Credit.

If your decal and/or license plate was lost or stolen you will need to get a lost or stolen form (76-903) from the Tax Collector's office and have local law enforcement complete the form. The cost of the replacement decal is \$2.50 and the plate is \$10.00.

If you have recently moved into the state of Mississippi, you have 30 days to register your vehicle. If not registered within 30 days a \$250.00 fee is added to your registration. When **changing counties**, your tag is not due until the anniversary year. (**Tag Expiration date**)

## Abandonment Vehicle (other business, licensed tow truck, or mechanic shop owner can apply)

### ITEMS NEEDED

If a wrecker company pulls in a vehicle, and has repairs done to the vehicle you will need the following items :

1. Affidavit of Abandonment (notarized) form 65-023.
2. Need to run advertisement in the local paper for 3 weeks and keep a copy to submit to Tax Collector's Office.
3. Need to send one registered letter to owner and/or lien holder.
4. Need a copy of the letter sent to owner and/or lien holder.

If the vehicle is just pulled into the shop for towing fee or storage fee, you will need the following items.

1. Affidavit of Abandonment (notarized) form 65-023.
2. Need to run advertisement in the local paper for 3 weeks and keep a copy to submit to Tax Collector's Office.
3. Need to send two registered letters to owner and/or lien holder.
4. Need a copy of the letter sent to owner and/or lien holder.

## VOTER REGISTRATION

Every U.S. citizen who possesses the following qualifications is entitled to register to vote in Mississippi:

- 18 years of age (or will be by the date of the next general election) & living in Mississippi;
- A resident of the state, county, and supervisor's district for 30 days;
- Has never been CONVICTED of any crime listed in Section 241 of the Mississippi Constitution (murder, rape, theft and etc.).
- Once you are registered, you generally remain registered indefinitely, unless you move or no longer meet one of the qualifications to vote.

You may register to vote either by mail or by visiting your county Circuit Clerk (usually in the county courthouse) or Municipal Clerk (usually in City Hall).

You also may register to vote when applying for or renewing your driver's license, or when applying for services at numerous state and federal government agencies.

## Departments:

Tax Collector  
E-Mail Address:  
[Efair@co.hinds.ms.us](mailto:Efair@co.hinds.ms.us)

Tax Collector  
phone number:  
(601) 714-6258

Tag Division:  
(601) 968-6588

Real Estate  
Property Division:  
(601) 968-6591 or  
(601)-968-6608

Website:  
[www.co.hinds.ms.us](http://www.co.hinds.ms.us)

## Health Observances

- National Childhood Obesity Awareness Month
- National Sickle Cell Month
- Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month
- Prostate Cancer Awareness Month
- 21st World Alzheimer's Day

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

**September 3rd:** All state offices will be closed in observation of Labor Day

## MAILING LIST

If you would like to be added to our mailing list, please send request to [kcalvin@co.hinds.ms.us](mailto:kcalvin@co.hinds.ms.us)

## HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

If you have any questions or concerns about homestead exemption, please contact the Tax Assessor's office at 601-968-6626.

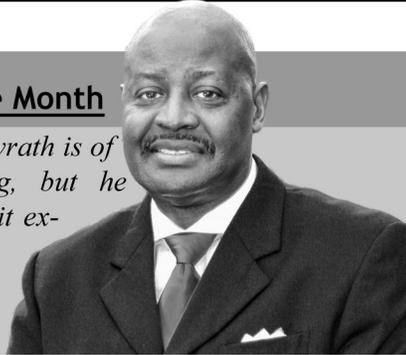
## Tag Renewal Facts

If you live outside the city of Jackson you will need 2 proofs of residence in order to receive an initial tag or renew an existing tag. This information is also needed if you are renewing your tag by mail to process timely.

## Scripture of the Month

"He that is slow to wrath is of great understanding, but he that is hasty of spirit exalteth folly."

Proverbs 14:29



## Information about Tag renewal online:

The vendor charges a non refundable convenience fee to process payments. The fee for this service is \$3.95 to use a Debit Card and 3% of your tax bill to use a Credit Card or E-Check. There is a \$10,000 limit when using the online services ([www.co.hinds.ms.us](http://www.co.hinds.ms.us)). Click on the online services tab located on the toolbar and make your selection.

## Hot Sausage Dip



This cheesy sausage dip is the perfect party dip recipe. Serve with a substantial corn chip to ensure perfect scoops everytime.  
**Yield:** 10 to 12 appetizer servings

### Ingredients

- 1 pound ground hot pork sausage
- 1 (10-ounce) can diced tomato and green chiles
- 1 (8-ounce) package cream cheese, softened
- 3/4 cup (3 ounces) shredded sharp Cheddar cheese
- Corn chips

### Preparation

1. Cook sausage in a large skillet, stirring until meat crumbles and is no longer pink; drain well.
2. Drain diced tomato and green chiles, reserving 1/4 cup liquid.
3. Stir together sausage, diced tomato and green chiles, reserved liquid, and cream cheese. Spoon into a lightly greased 1-quart baking dish; sprinkle with Cheddar cheese. Bake at 350° for 20 to 25 minutes or until bubbly. Serve with corn chips.

## Salvage Title

### ITEMS NEEDED

1. Form 65-104 (Application for Inspection of a salvage vehicle).
2. Bill of sale of parts that has been replaced.
3. Invoice from repair shop.
4. If an individual repaired the vehicle, a notarized statement from that person stating he or she repaired the vehicle.
5. An inspection from the Mississippi Highway Patrol Department (Form 65-103)
6. 4 Color photos of the rebuilt vehicle.

## Quote of the Month

"Accept no one's definition of your life; define yourself." -Harvey Fierstein

## Helpful County Numbers

### Board of Supervisors

Robert Graham  
(District 1)  
601-968-6689

Douglas Anderson  
(District 2)  
601-968-6690

Peggy Calhoun  
(District 3)  
601-968-6768

Phil Fisher  
(District 4)  
601-948-1501

Kenneth Stokes  
(District 5)  
601-968-6699

Chancery Clerk  
Eddie Jean Carr  
601-968-6507

Circuit Clerk  
Barbara Dunn  
601-968-6628

Sheriff Department  
Tyrone Lewis  
601-974-2901

Tax Assessor  
Charles Stokes  
601-968-6626

Board Attorney  
Crystal Martin  
601-968-6797

County Administrator  
Carmen Y. Davis  
601-968-6501

## ★★★ NEW LAW ★★★

THE MS LEGISLATOR HAS PASSED SENATE BILL 2631; WHICH WILL REQUIRE PROOF OF INSURANCE. THE MS ASSESSORS AND COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION HAVE FOUGHT AGAINST THIS FOR MANY YEARS; HOWEVER WE LOST THE FIGHT FOR THE CITIZENS OF MS. BEGINNING JULY 1, 2013, ALL PERSONS WILL BE REQUIRED TO HAVE CURRENT INSURANCE ON THEIR AUTOMOBILE BEFORE BEING ALLOWED TO REGISTER OR RENEW LICENSE PLATES.

**The Tax Collector has an open door policy, if you have any concerns please feel free to stop by.**