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Arapahoe County Treasurer's Office handles unprecedented volume of tax collections to close out 2017

In four days, Treasurer's Office accepted 3,503 early payments totaling \$23.7 million in property taxes

LITTLETON, CO --- When President Donald J. Trump signed The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act on the Friday before Christmas, the laws for deducting property tax payments for income taxes purposes were changed. On Dec. 26, the Arapahoe County Treasurer's Office began hearing from taxpayers who wanted to prepay their property taxes due to the new law.

As the week continued, lines of taxpayers wanting to make early payments were out the door of the Treasurer's Office in Littleton and the phone system was overwhelmed with calls that quickly exceeded the system's capacity.

In just four days, by close of business Dec. 29, the Treasurer's Office had taken in about 3,500 early payments totaling \$23.7 million in property taxes. By comparison, the Treasurer's Office accepted roughly 700 early payments totaling \$3.6 million in 2016.

"The Treasurer's Office was pleased to provide the additional services to the many taxpayers who chose to prepay their property taxes," said Treasurer Sue Sandstrom. "With extraordinary effort and team work by the Treasurer's staff, all taxpayers who came into the office, called in on the phone, or contacted us by email, had received the services they requested. This is a perfect example of how Arapahoe County takes seriously our pledge of *First in Service.*"

Every year, the Treasurer's Office collects nearly \$1 billion in tax dollars and distributes these dollars to more than 360 taxing districts, such as schools, cities and towns, parks and recreation districts, as well as library and fire protection districts.

The Treasurer's Office works to make the tax payment process convenient and user-friendly, and offers a variety of options to pay taxes. Beginning Jan. 10, Arapahoe County property owners can check their taxes online at www.arapahoegov.com; by calling the Treasurer's Office at 303-795-4550 or by email at treasurer@arapahoegov.com.

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