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## **DELINQUENT BUSINESS TAX RECEIPTS**

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**Shalimar, FL**— The Okaloosa County Tax Collector's Office begins enforcement actions to collect delinquent Business Tax Receipts (BTRs) in January. Tax Collector Ben Anderson says, "BTRs, formerly known as Occupational Licenses, are required for businesses that provide merchandise, entertainment, or services to the public, even if only a one-person company or home-based business." He continues, "We want the public to know this is NOT a scam. Our Agents will only be calling during regular business hours, Monday through Friday and identify themselves as Tax Collector employees." If business owners have questions concerning the call, or any other Tax Collector issues, they should contact our office at (850) 651-7310.

BTRs are renewed annually and should be paid by September 30th, to avoid incurring any penalties. Business owners should initiate, renew, or pay for BTRs online at <u>www.OkaloosaTax.com</u>. When paying online, **E-Check is** *free!* Payments can also be made at any of our six conveniently located Tax Collector Branch Offices, or by calling **#TAX** (#829) from your mobile phone. Inquiries concerning BTRs should be directed to Joshua Allen, Director of Business Collections or JAllen@OkaloosaTax.com.



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