



A PERSPECTIVE FROM

TOM HURLEY

Candidate for Re-Election
Orange Tax Collector



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Hello,

I want to thank you for electing me twice over the past four years to serve as your Collector of Taxes. It has been an honor to work for the residents of Orange, and I'm proud of the many improvements we've made together since I first took office.

Over the last four years, we have modernized the Tax Office to make payments easier, faster, and more convenient for everyone. We introduced credit and debit card payments at the tax window through a new vendor, now accepting all major branded affinity cards. Our updated website allows for secure online payments directly from your home, and our low-cost \$1.50 ACH (E-check) option has become especially popular. For those who prefer not to use a computer, we also added a phone payment option.

When I began as Tax Collector, our office didn't have access to updated taxpayer contact information. We've since implemented Accurint, a program that helps us find updated phone numbers and addresses so we can better serve you. For our cash-paying taxpayers, we've added new counterfeit detection and money-counting machines (Mixval 3s) with digital displays so you can see your payment being verified in real time. These upgrades have made transactions quicker and more transparent.

Thanks to these innovations—and the dedication of our staff—Orange has maintained a 99.5% collection rate, among the highest in the state.

Professionally, I bring over 40 years of experience in the financial industry, holding life, health, and Series 6, 63, and 26 securities licenses, as well as banking experience. I earned a B.S. from Michigan State University, an MBA from Wayne State University, and an M.S. in Applied and Social Economics from Wright State University, along with numerous professional certifications.



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I am a proud U.S. Air Force veteran (Captain), recipient of the Air Force Commendation Medal, and have served in the Civil Air Patrol—our Air Force's civilian auxiliary—for 57 years, where I hold the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. Locally, I've served on the OGAT Board, the Amity Regional School Board for over 13 years, and have been an Orange resident for more than 42 years. I currently serve as Senior Vice Commander of American Legion Post 127 and sing in the Holy Infant Choir.

It has been a privilege to serve as your Collector of Taxes, and I humbly ask for your continued trust and support as we build upon this record of service and innovation.

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