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Publication of the Delinquent Tax List

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Sincerely,

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The county trustee has the discretion to publish annually the delinquent tax lists in one or more county newspapers of general circulation, listing the name of the delinquent taxpayer and the amount of the taxpayer's delinquency on each item of taxable property. The costs for advertising are borne by the county but may not exceed the usual and customary legal advertising rate.¹ Trustees who publish delinquent tax lists must give the lists to newspapers at least 20 days before turning the lists over to the delinquent tax attorney. Failure of any taxpayer's name to appear on a delinquent tax list publication or incorrect information is not a defense to any suit for tax collection.² The publication of the delinquent tax list is a valuable aid to collection of delinquent taxes.

¹T.C.A. § 67-5-2002(a).

²T.C.A. § 67-5-2002(b).

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