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P R E S S R E L E A S E

Tax Payment Deadlines

The last day for disaster, senior, disabled person and disabled veteran third quarter installment payments for 2019 property taxes is June 1st. The second half of the split or half payment installment is due June 30th.

Those having difficulty paying 2019 property taxes or who have missed an installment payment will receive a delinquent notice this month. Tax Assessor/Collector Cheryl E. Johnson urges property owners to pay the delinquent taxes no later than June 30th in order to avoid delinquent attorney fees from being added to unpaid balances. Those unable to pay their entire tax bill should contact the Property Tax Department (409-766-2481) in order to set up a payment agreement. Setting up a payment agreement by the end of June will prevent the attorney fees from being added to unpaid balances. Property Tax Specialists are available in the Galveston Branch on the first floor of the County Courthouse, 722 Moody in Galveston between 8 am and 5 pm Monday through Friday. Agreements can be established at any Tax Office branch or via email or fax.

Unpaid taxes accrue interest at a rate of 1% per month beginning in February. Penalties are assessed at 6% the first month and increase 1% each month until July at which time they jump to 12% of the unpaid balance. "What this means is that penalties and interest total 18% July 1st. Add to that the 15% to 20% delinquent attorney fee and a property owner will owe the base tax plus 33% to 38% in penalties, interest and attorney fees," stated Johnson.

Cash, checks, credit and debit cards are accepted at any of the four full time Tax Office locations in Galveston, League City, Santa Fe, or Texas City, the Friendswood satellite office Thursday and Friday or Crystal Beach the 3rd Tuesday of each month. For directions or locations, visit our website at www.galcotax.com or call toll free 1-877-766-2284. Specific questions regarding your property taxes may be directed to a Property Tax Specialist by calling 409-766-2481.

Mail payments to GCTO, Post Office Box 1169, Galveston, Texas 77553. You may also leave them in the yellow GCTO drop boxes located outside each full time location. You may also pay online via electronic check (\$1 bank fee) or credit card (2.5% merchant fee) or credit card via telephone (toll free) at 1-866-865-1433 (English) or 1-866-865-1435 (Spanish).