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Treasurer reminds taxpayers to remain up to date with 2018 taxes to keep delinquent payment plans intact

With 2018 tax bills now having been mailed to property owners in all Kenosha County municipalities, Treasurer Teri Jacobson has a reminder for those who have delinquent taxes from past years.

The message: If you do not pay your current-year taxes on time, you will forfeit any payment plan you have for past-year taxes, and you will risk having your property taken from you in the tax deed foreclosure process.

“It’s a friendly reminder for people on payments in Kenosha County that it’s a requirement to stay current on your 2018 taxes in order to keep your payment plan in place,” Jacobson said. “And that means you need to make your first 2018 installment by Jan. 31, and each additional installment on time.”

Kenosha County is instituting this new requirement as part of an effort to reduce the rolls of delinquent taxes.

Those with delinquent taxes who forfeit their payment plan will owe all back taxes and penalties immediately. Failure to pay will advance the process by which the county may take ownership of the property through a tax deed foreclosure.

For all property taxpayers – not just those with delinquent taxes – Jacobson stressed the importance of paying the first installment for 2018 on time.

“If you don’t pay that installment, or your entire balance, by Jan. 31, your entire balance for the year comes due, and interest and penalties begin to accrue,” Jacobson said.

Delinquent taxes are subject to interest and penalties of 1.5 percent per month, or 18 percent per year.

It’s also important to know where to pay your property taxes, Jacobson added.

In the City of Kenosha and the Village of Pleasant Prairie, which offer property owners the ability to pay in three installments (due Jan. 31, April 30 and July 31), all payments are to be made in person at or by mail to the city or village clerk's office.

Property owners in all other Kenosha County municipalities must make the first-installment payment (due Jan. 31) by mail to or in person at the applicable town or village treasurer's office, and the second and final installment (due July 31) by mail to or in person at the County Treasurer's Office, 1010 56th St., Kenosha, WI 53140. Payments to the County Treasurer's Office may also be made in person at the front counter in the Kenosha County Center at highways 45 and 50 in Bristol.

All prior-year delinquent payments are processed through the County Treasurer's Office.

Some municipalities offer online or telephone-based credit card or electronic check payment options for first-installment payments. Contact your local municipality for more details.

Second-installment and delinquent payments payable to the County Treasurer's Office may also be made online at <https://client.pointandpay.net/web/KenoshaCountyTreasurerWI>, or by phone at 888-891-6064, Ext. 1.

For more information about the delinquent-tax payment process, contact the Treasurer's Office at 262-653-2542 or visit <http://www.kenoshacounty.org/1976/Delinquent-Taxes>.

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