

# Paying Your Taxes

## TAX PAYMENT OPTIONS

When you receive your property tax bill in December, you have two options to pay your taxes.

The first option is to pay your taxes in FULL. To pay your taxes in full, you will pay the entire amount due **TO YOUR LOCAL TREASURER** no later than January 31st. This payment **IS NOT** made to Lafayette County. You may click [HERE](#) to find your local treasurer. Their contact information is also listed on your tax bill.

The second option is to pay your taxes in installments. If you choose to pay installments, you must pay your "first installment", which is the first half of taxes along with any special assessments and charges, **TO YOUR LOCAL TREASURER** no later than January 31st. You may click [HERE](#) to find your local treasurer. Their contact information is also listed on your tax bill.

Once you have paid your first installment of property taxes on time, your remaining balance is considered "Postponed". That means that between February 1st and July 31st you may continue to make payments on your second installment of taxes without interest or penalty accruing. All "postponed" or "second installment" payments are due **TO THE COUNTY TREASURER**. You may make as many payments as you like, but the final second installment balance must be paid in full no later than July 31st each year.

***You may choose whichever payment option works for you and your financial situation. However, you must at a minimum pay your first installment by January 31st. If you fail to pay the first installment on time, your taxes will be considered delinquent and you will lose the option to pay in installments. Interest and penalty will begin accruing on the entire tax amount until it is paid in full.***

## PAYING POSTPONED OR DELINQUENT TAXES

The Treasurer's Office offers a number of ways to make second installment (postponed) or delinquent tax payments.

- To make a payment online, first click [HERE](#) to go to Ascent. You will have to search by your name, property address, or parcel number, and then from the "select detail" menu choose taxes to view balance information and to make a payment. If you own multiple parcels under the same name, you will have the option to pay all the parcels in one transaction.
  - The following convenience fees apply to online tax payments:

- Credit Card - 2.3% of your total payment
- Debit Card - \$3.95 (one time charge)
- E-Check - \$1.50 (one time charge)
- You may make a payment in person by visiting the Lafayette County Courthouse during regular office hours.
- You may mail a check to the [County Treasurer](#).