

COVID-19 & Property Taxes

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Do I still have to pay my property taxes during the COVID-19 crisis?

Yes, property taxes are still due during the COVID-19 crisis. There are no late fees through October 1, 2020 on 2019 Second Installment Taxes. Additionally, **there will be no late fees charged on 2020 First Installment Taxes through May 3, 2021.**

What happens if I don't pay my property taxes?

If you do not pay your property taxes, they will be sold at a tax sale. In a tax sale, your taxes will be sold to a private buyer. There is a 2.5 year redemption period. If you do not pay your taxes in full including penalties and interest during the redemption period, the tax buyer can obtain the title to your property and evict you. **Due to the COVID-19 crisis, the next scheduled tax sale has been delayed indefinitely.**

What if my property taxes have already been sold--can I still redeem them?

The Real Estate and Tax Services Office of the Cook County Clerk is accepting redemption payments by mail. There is limited public access by appointment only. You may email any questions and/or concerns regarding tax redemptions to tax.redemption@cookcountyil.gov. Please check their website at cookcountyclerk.com/agency/property-taxes for the latest information.

How can I find out if my property taxes are current?

You can check to see if your property taxes are current on the County Tax Portal. Visit <http://www.cookcountypropertyinfo.com/>

Will the Cook County Assessor continue to mail out assessment notices?

Yes, the mailing of assessment notices and appeal deadlines has resumed.

Visit cookcountyassessor.com for answers to the most frequently-asked questions related to assessment, exemption, and appeal. You can also send an email to customer service staff via the contact section of the website. Staff continues to serve the public remotely during the pandemic.

Can I still apply for an exemption?

As a residential property owner, you can continue to file homeowner, senior/senior freeze, veterans and persons with disabilities exemptions online at www.cookcountyassessor.com/exemptions. All Cook County Assessor's offices are closed to the public.

Can I still file a property tax appeal?

Property owners who have already received assessment notices for 2020 can file appeals online at www.cookcountyassessor.com/appeals.



Call

312.341.1070

Monday to Friday
between 8 AM and 4:30 PM

OR



Apply Online

www.legalaidchicago.org