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2022 DELINQUENT TAX NOTICES HAVE BEEN MAILED AVOID ADDITIONAL ATTORNEY'S FEES BY PAYING YOUR PROPERTY TAXES OR ENTERING INTO AN ALTERNATIVE PAYMENT PLAN BY JUNE 30, 2023

BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS — A total of 24,043 delinquent tax notices for tax year 2022 have been mailed out for real estate accounts which have not been paid.

Cameron County Tax Assessor-Collector Tony Yzaguirre, Jr. wants to inform taxpayers who have not paid their 2022 taxes, that there are alternative payment plans available to them. "I urge any property owner who is having a hard time paying their tax bills in full, to visit any of our tax offices and take advantage of payment plan options available to taxpayers like a tax payment agreement" Yzaguirre said. A tax payment agreement is an installment plan for the payment of taxes, penalties, and interest. ALL PROPERTY OWNERS may avoid the burden of delinquent attorney fees that are added July 1st by setting up a payment agreement. Down payments MAY be required.

On July 1, 2023, all delinquent real estate tax accounts, by law, will be turned over to the delinquent tax law firm to enforce their collection. At the same time, a 15% to 20% attorney fees (depending on the collection rate adopted by each tax jurisdiction) will be automatically assessed or added to the balance of taxes due unless the taxpayer has entered into a tax payment agreement.

Taxes for 2022 became delinquent on February 1, 2023, but if a taxpayer signs an Installment or Payment Schedule Agreement with the Tax Assessor-Collector's Office on or before June 30th of this year (real estate tax accounts only) attorney fees for taxes due for 2022 will not be added on July 1st for those taxpayers that continue making payments timely. "The installment plan provides taxpayers a little relief by allowing them several additional months to pay their taxes in installments without threat of a lawsuit" said Yzaguirre. A delinquent tax penalty, adopted under Section 33.07 of the Property Tax Code, does not apply to delinquent taxes subject to installment agreements entered into under Section 33.02 of the Texas Property Tax Code prior to July 1st of the year in which the taxes became delinquent. **Property owners, who have not received their tax statement(s), can access their bill at www.cameroncountytexas.gov/tac or contact one of our offices to receive a copy.**

“Approximately 93.61% of property taxes that the Cameron County collects for have already been paid,” said Yzaguirre. The Cameron County Tax Assessor-Collector’s Office is responsible for collecting a total tax levy of \$517,569,385.70 million dollars from October 2022 thru September 2023 for a total of forty-three (43) tax districts within Cameron County. The office has already collected a total of \$484,508,145.04 for the 2022 tax year.

Methods of Payment

- **Drop-off boxes** – Payments of checks or money orders can be dropped off at available drop boxes located at
 - Brownsville Drive-Thru, East 8th and Levee St. Brownsville, TX (956) 589-7088
 - Harlingen Branch Office, 3302 Wilson Rd. Harlingen, TX (956) 427-8013
 - Harlingen Drive-Thru, 300 E. Van Buren Harlingen, TX (956) 406-6080
 - San Benito Drive-Thru, 199 S. Sam Houston San Benito, TX (956) 247-8361
 - Los Fresnos Branch Office, 745 W. Ocean Blvd. Los Fresnos, TX (956) 233-4494
 - Port Isabel Branch Office, 505 Highway 100 Port Isabel, TX (956) 943-8101
- **Online payments** – taxpayers can pay their taxes by electronic check or credit card in the convenience of their home or office by going to www.cameroncountytexas.gov/tac. A service fee of \$2 will be charged to pay a property tax bill using an Internet check in the amount of \$5,000 or less, online check payments over \$5,000 will be charged \$5. Credit and debit cards will incur a 3% convenience fee online and in person. We hope that you will find this website a useful tool.
- **Partial payments** – taxpayers can pay any amount of pay their taxes at any office in Cameron County
- **Installment or Payment Schedule Agreements** –a taxpayer may enter into a payment agreement to pay their taxes in payments, a down payment may be required.
- **Mail-In payments** – when a taxpayer mails the total amount of their property taxes.
- **Over the counter payments** – when a taxpayer pays their taxes over the counter using their check, cash or credit card (VISA, MasterCard, Discover, and American Express).
- **Payments at any Lone Star National Bank**- Current year property taxes can now be paid at Lone Star National Bank Locations in Cameron County. A copy of your 2022 consolidated tax bill must be presented in order to make a payment at Lone Star National Bank.

Cameron County collects for 100% of taxing jurisdictions in Cameron County. Visit www.cameroncountytexas.gov/tac for more information.