

# Property Tax

## Frequently Asked Questions

The Treasurer's Office responsibility is to collect payments for property taxes. If you have questions regarding your property's value, taxes going up, tax calculations, just purchasing a home, etc., please visit the Assessor's Office website ([click here](#))

### What are the due dates for property taxes?

- For the Summer tax bill issued on July 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, the on-time due date is August 31<sup>st</sup>
- For the Winter tax bill issued on December 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, the on-time due date is February 14<sup>th</sup>

### What if I miss a due date?

- There is a one-time 3% penalty applied to any outstanding balances after the due dates listed above

### Is there a grace period after the due date to pay your property taxes?

- No. If payment is not received in our office by 5:00 p.m. on the due date, a 3% penalty will be assessed on the outstanding balance the next day.

### Are there payment plans available for property taxes?

- No, the City does not set up payment plans, but ALWAYS accepts partial payments during the collection period (July-February)

### Are senior citizens exempt from paying property taxes?

- No, but they may apply for a Summer Deferment. A summer deferment extends the due date for summer taxes until February 14<sup>th</sup> (the same day that winter taxes are due), without penalty assessed. Forms are available [here](#). Forms **MUST** be mailed to the City of Lansing Treasurer's Office, 124 W. Michigan Avenue, Lansing, MI 48933. **DO NOT** mail forms to the State of Michigan.

### Are Veterans exempt from paying property taxes?

- Yes, disabled veterans honorably discharged from the armed forces are exempt from paying property taxes
  - If deceased their unmarried surviving spouse becomes eligible
- Tax Relief for Disable Veterans information ([Click Here](#))
- Disable Veterans Affidavit ([Click here](#))

### What if I am having trouble paying my Property Taxes?

- Contact Step Forward Michigan at 866.946.7432 or [www.stepforwardmichigan.org](http://www.stepforwardmichigan.org)
- Contact Lansing's Financial Empowerment Center by calling 211 for free, confidential, one-one-one counseling

### **When do you pay taxes at the County?**

- March 1<sup>st</sup> of every year, unpaid tax balances are transferred over to the County for collection. For example: if there is an outstanding balance from the 2015 summer and/or winter property taxes, it will be transferred on March 1, 2016 to the County for collection. For more information on delinquent taxes, please [click here](#)

### **Helpful Hints**

- Checks are payable to the City of Lansing
- Write your parcel number on your check
- Never send a check or money order without some form of documentation, as this could cause a delay in processing your payment