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# Solano County Delinquent Prior Year Tax Bill | Important Information

This information will help you understand the enclosed delinquent prior year property tax bill. When secured property taxes (which include supplemental taxes) are unpaid on June 30th, they become a prior year delinquency and the taxes are considered to be defaulted.

Prior year taxes become a separate bill and the amount due is not part of your annual taxes that you may pay. If a message appears on the front of this bill stating "This Parcel is Power to Sell" the tax collector by law is required to attempt to sell tax-defaulted property at auction when the property becomes subject to sale. Property becomes subject to sale after taxes have been delinquent for at least 3 years for commercial property and 5 years for all other property. Please contact this office immediately if you see this message.

### Where Your Tax Dollars Go

Your Solano County tax dollars at work.



#### 23% -COUNTY GENERAL FUND

Public protection, Health & Social Services and all other county services

#### **3% - OTHER COUNTY FUNDS**

Includes the county library, capital outlay, parks and airport

#### 15% - CITIES

Includes the seven cities within the county

#### 51% - SCHOOLS

(19%) To ERAF (*Educational Revenue Augmentation Fund*) property taxes shifted from cities, special districts and county to offset cuts in State revenues to schools (32%) Includes all the school districts within the county

#### **6% - SPECIAL DISTRICTS**

Includes fire, cemetery, non-county library and other special purpose districts

#### 2% - REDEVELOPMENT

Pursuant to ABX1-26, dollars to pay successor obligations of the former redevelopment agency

### **How Your Taxes are Determined**

Property taxes are limited to 1% of the Net Total Assessed Value. Voter approved bonds and special assessments are added to the 1% tax limitation to arrive at the total tax due.

The Tax Collector is charged with collecting the amount of tax shown on the tax roll and cannot change the assessed value, applicable tax rate(s), amount of the tax, the due date, or the delinquent date. The Tax Collector can only accept the exact dollar amount shown on the tax bill.

### **Exemptions**

California law provides for exemptions in specific circumstances that may reduce or eliminate certain taxes from your bill. If you believe you may qualify for one or more of these exemptions contact the Assessor/Recorder at the number provided in the contact information section of this document.

## **Change of Mailing Address**

The Solano County Assessor/Recorder maintains property tax records including tax bill mailing addresses. To update the mailing address please mail, e-mail or hand deliver your written request to the Solano County Assessor/Recorder using the contact information provided in the contact information section.

### **Contact Information**

For questions regarding change of address, exemptions, property ownership and assessed value information:

> Assessor/Recorder: (707) 784-6210

> assessor@solanocounty.gov

For questions regarding tax rates:

> Auditor/Controller: (707) 784-6283

> prop@solanocounty.gov

For questions regarding collection of taxes:

> Tax Collector: (707) 784-7485

> ttccc@solanocounty.gov

The Solano County Assessor/Recorder, Auditor/ Controller and Tax Collector are all located at the County Administration Center, 675 Texas Street, Fairfield, CA.

**PLEASE NOTE:** If you have an **important message on the front of this bill stating you may start a payment plan** please read the information on the back of your bill under **payment plan**. If you need further information regarding payment plans please contact the Tax Collector's Office.











### **How to Read Your Tax Bill**

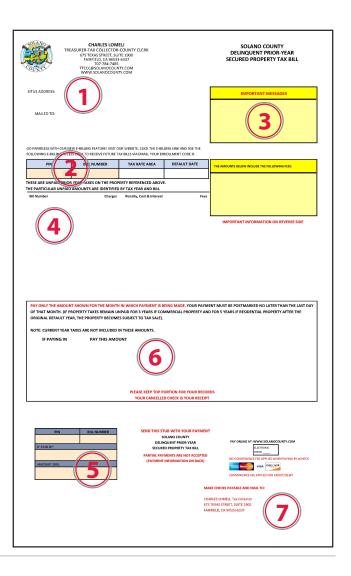
Your delinquent prior year tax bill is mailed three times each fiscal year in July, November and March and comes in two parts including:

- The itemized bill detail for your records
- Payment stub (located at the bottom)
- If you cannot pay the amount due by the date listed on the payment stub, see the payment schedule for the next month's payment amount.

# Sample Tax Bill

Here is a sample tax bill. Please see the associated numbers to get a detailed explanation on how to read your tax bill.

- Your property address
- Your property identification number (PIN)
- Important messages from the Tax Collector
- Delinquent bill numbers and summary of charges
- 6 Amount due and pay by date
- 6 Payment Schedule if paid in different month
- Make checks payable and mail to information



## **Paying Your Tax Bill**

The Solano County Tax Collector has three convenient payment options:











The Solano County Tax Collector's Office is proud to offer payment by Electronic Check without a convenience fee online at **www.solanocounty.com**. We also accept online, payment by Credit Card and Debit Card this service is provided by a third party who charges a convenience fee. Please see our website for details.

#### 2) BY MAIL

You may mail your taxes by using the payment stub from your current tax bill along with your check made payable to Charles Lomeli, Tax Collector. Our payment mailing address is Solano County Treasury 675 Texas Street, Suite 1900, Fairfield, CA 94533. To avoid penalties please mail early. Tax payments must be received or postmarked by the due date printed on the bill. If a payment is received after the due date, with no postmark, the payment is considered late and penalties will be imposed, in accordance with State Law.

#### 3) IN PERSON

You may pay your taxes in person at 675 Texas Street, 1st Floor, Suite 1900, Fairfield, CA 94533; we accept cash, check, debit card and credit card payment for taxes paid in office. Debit and credit card payments will incur a convenience fee. You may also use our drop boxes located at 675 Texas Street, Fairfield, CA.

### **Due Date**

If the due date falls on a Saturday, Sunday or County recognized legal holiday, the next month's interest will not be charged if payment is made or postmarked (U.S. Postal Service postmark) by 5pm on the next business day.

# **Additional Charges**

There will be a \$45 return item fee for any payment that is returned by your bank for any reason. When secured property taxes become defaulted, a one-time redemption fee of \$15 is added to the parcel and redemption interest at the rate of 1.5% per month begins to accrue.

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