

TAX PAYMENT OPTIONS

BEST BARGAIN:

Pay Taxes by Echeck – payment can be made from www.brazostax.org

Choose option under Official Payments at left side of home page

Taxpayer needs property ID number to use.

The E-Check payment can provide the taxpayer with the least worry and instant gratification for those last minute payments. The payment is given credit for the date it is finalized, so there is no question about the timeliness of the payment. A confirmation is given for the payment that can be printed and kept as a record of the payment until the actual tax receipt is received. The fee for this service is \$5.00 for payments under \$10,000. The fee for larger payments is \$10.00.

TIME SAVER

Payment Drop Box on William J. Bryan Pkwy side of Tax Office

Taxpayer needs tax statements, payment stubs, or property ID numbers and amounts. Payments must be by check, cashier's check or money order.

Envelopes are available to seal payments in. Taxpayers can drop their sealed payments in the box anytime including during office hours and the payment will be stamped as received on that date. No need to stand in line – receipts will be mailed. Since these payments are worked along with mail payments, taxpayers should expect a possible delay of up to two weeks before receiving their receipts.

PAYMENT BY MAIL

Easiest – U.S. Postal Service Postmark determines payment date

Taxpayers are urged to take the payment to the Post Office early. If possible, they should take the payment inside to be cancelled with the date. When in doubt, a certified mail receipt provides proof of mailing.

CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS

Online – www.brazostax.com – Payment icon at top of page within property account.

Convenient, but more expensive to use. A confirmation number is provided for temporary proof of payment, and the payer is given credit for the date the transaction is completed. All major credit cards are accepted, but the fee can be as high as 2.5% of the payment for the service. The amount of the fee is provided before the transaction is completed giving the taxpayer the option to stop the transaction.

Over the counter credit card payment –

The Tax Office accepts MasterCard, VISA, Discover and American Express over the counter – a transaction fee of approximately 2.65% is charged.

PAYMENT IN PERSON

Taxpayer needs account numbers or tax statements.

The Tax Office accepts cash, check, cashiers check and money orders. Please have your account information with you as a courtesy for the other taxpayers. Searching for property with partial information is time consuming, and there is no guarantee that the clerk will identify all of the accounts you wish to pay. To protect you from late charges on a missed account, and as a courtesy to the other taxpayers in line, please have specific property information with you when paying on the deadline.

PENALTY & INTEREST RATES FOR LATE PAYMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES

The following penalty and interest rates are statutory and cannot be modified or waived by the tax office. The rates are assessed on a monthly basis. Example: The P&I for payment in March is the same on March 1 as it is on March 31.

February	7%
March	9%
April	11%
May	13%
June	15%
July	18%

The interest rate increases at 1% per month beginning with August and continues to increase until the tax is paid in full.

NOTE: The rates listed above apply to accounts that are not included in a split payment plan, an over/65 quarterly payment plan, or a special instance that would delay the application of penalty and interest.