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## Macomb Township Treasurer waives late fees on winter taxes due to postal delays

Macomb Township Treasurer Leon Drolet is relaxing Macomb Township's longstanding policy of requiring winter tax payments to arrive at Township Hall by the February 16<sup>th</sup> due date or face late penalties. Drolet announced he will not assess late fees on any tax payments that arrive at Township Hall by Monday, March 1<sup>st</sup> as long as they are postmarked on or before February 16<sup>th</sup>.

"Mail delivery by the post office has been taking longer than usual, due to the coronavirus situation," Drolet stated. "In some cases, mail has been arriving weeks after being mailed. Taxpayers should not be penalized for post office delays."

Drolet's decision modifies the previous administration's policy of assessing fees on payments that arrived late even if citizens mailed the payment before the deadline.

Drolet clarified that tax payments must still be postmarked by February 16<sup>th</sup> and also be received by Township Hall before March 1<sup>st</sup> to avoid late penalties.

"By law, we have to turn over tax collection to the Macomb County Treasurer on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, so we still have a deadline. Citizens are strongly urged to mail their tax payments in now to minimize the chance the mail will deliver the payment after March 1<sup>st</sup> and will incur a late penalty," Drolet continued.

"Citizens can avoid the post office entirely by paying online, in person at Macomb Township Hall, by phone, or by using the drop box at Township Hall by February 16<sup>th</sup>."

Macomb Township taxpayers can pay online at: [www.macomb-mi.gov](http://www.macomb-mi.gov) either by check or by credit/debit card. A 3% fee is required to use a credit/debit card due to card companies charging the Township fees on card transactions. Citizens can also pay by phone at 866-400-6424.

Macomb Township Hall is open and able to accept tax payments between 9:00am and 4:00pm, Mondays through Fridays. Township Hall is closed on Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup> for Presidents Day. Citizens can place tax payments (no cash, checks only) in the secure drop box at Township Hall anytime. The drop box is located next to the door on the West side (rear) of Township Hall.

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