

COVID-19 Impact to Property Taxes Update

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Our office is committed to helping in any way we can those impacted by this Public Health Emergency. Los Angeles County property owners affected by the COVID-19 virus may have late penalties cancelled if they were unable to pay their property taxes by the April 10 deadline.

Beginning on April 11, the day after property taxes are due, people unable to pay on time for reasons related to COVID-19 may submit a request for penalty cancellation online on our website.

The COVID-19 Public Health Emergency duration and ongoing impact is unknown at this time. The following are some questions and answers that may assist you.

1. What specific justification will we be looking for when reviewing penalty cancellation requests?

Taxpayers will fill out our form online, which includes a text box where they will explain the circumstances that prevented them from paying their taxes timely. Documentation will not be required at the outset, but our staff could request additional information later on depending on the circumstances the taxpayer presented. In terms of specifics, we are going to be considerate and thoughtful of all information submitted, but we expect the majority of requests will fall into the following categories:

- Self-illness or self-quarantine
- Caring for a person that is ill or has been quarantined
- County building closures
- Economic impact of COVID-19 Public Health Emergency

2. How long will it take to process all of the requests?

Unknown at this time, as we do not know how many requests we will receive. We have encouraged taxpayers to wait until April 11th to start submitting them, but there is also no deadline or cutoff date to request a penalty cancellation. Another key factor is the impact of COVID-19 on our workplace. Our staffing is currently impacted and have fewer employees in the workplace or on telework assignments. We are going to move staff from other areas to assist in processing these requests, but any COVID-19 related impact on our workforce or our building would impact our productivity.

3. How long will taxpayers have to pay?

This is highly dependent on the duration of the COVID-19 emergency and the individual circumstances presented by each taxpayer. I would expect that many of the initial requests could be brought current by end of summer, but we could be working with some property owners for a longer period of time.

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