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Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector Annette Ramirez Shares Important Reminders and Tips Ahead of Property Tax Deadline

Harris County 2025 Property Taxes Due January 31, 2026

(Harris County, Texas) Tax Assessor-Collector Annette Ramirez is encouraging property owners to make their property tax payments by the January 31 tax deadline. Taxes must be paid in full by the deadline to avoid penalties and interest.

*“To better serve residents after the storm, we are open **today, Wednesday, January 28, and tomorrow, Thursday, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.,**” said Ramirez. **“All 16 of our branch locations** will also offer extended hours on Friday, January 30, 2026, with assistance available from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. I encourage residents to take advantage of these hours for any help they need.”*

Assessor Ramirez also wants to ensure that individuals planning to mail their tax payments are aware of an important change at the post office. The United States Postal Service has updated its mail processing methods and mail may now be postmarked days after it is dropped off at the Post Office. Since mailed tax payments are considered timely if the postmark on the envelope shows that the payment was mailed before the tax deadline, this delay in postmarking mail can cause an otherwise timely payment to be late.

“If you are mailing your property tax payment—I strongly recommend you go into the post office and ask for a manual postmark. You can also request a Certificate of Mailing from the Post Office. This will help you avoid late fees,” said Ramirez.

ACCEPTABLE METHODS OF PAYMENT

The Harris County Tax Office offers several convenient ways to pay:

- Pay online via e-check, credit/debit card (*transaction fees apply*) at MyHarrisCountyTax.com
- By phone with credit/debit card (*transaction fees apply*) at **713-274-CARD (2273)**.

- Mail check or money order payments to P.O. Box 4622, Houston, TX 77210-4622. **The mailed payment must be postmarked by Jan. 31, 2026, to be considered timely. It's recommended that property owners request a Certificate of Mailing from the post office for proof of mailing.**
- Pay in-person with cash, check, money order or credit/debit card.
- If paying by check, property owners can also use the drop boxes located at each of the 16 branches.

For additional information call 713-274-8000 or email tax.office@hctx.net.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- The Harris Central Appraisal District (HCAD) determines the market value of all properties in Harris County.
- The Harris County Tax Office collects property tax payments.
- The Harris Central Appraisal District (HCAD) manages exemptions and protests.
 - **EXEMPTION UPDATES**
 - Voters recently approved changes that increase property tax exemptions for school district taxes.
 - The homestead exemption increased from **\$100,000 to \$140,000**.
 - The exemption for homeowners who are **65 or older or have a disability** increased from **\$10,000 to \$60,000**.
 - Eligible homeowners may now receive a **combined homestead and over-65 or disability exemption of up to \$200,000**.
 - These changes are reflected on 2025 tax statements that include school district taxes.

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