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Treasurer Announces Stark County Property Tax Collection Processes

Stark County, Ohio - With the second half property tax collection fast approaching, Stark County Treasurer Alexander Zumbar provided an update today to his office's pandemic operations plan.

Effective June 1, 2020 the Treasurer office will resume normal office operations and reopen to the public during normal business hours Monday through Friday 8:30AM to 4:30PM. In addition to practicing and encouraging good personal hygiene, the Treasurer's Office is responding to COVID-19 by focusing on the "social distancing" recommendations and limiting the number of occupants allowed in the lobby. Alternate payment options can also be made by mail, on-line, phone, one of three kiosk's or through a drop box at the Stark County Administration Building.

"Health experts tell us that social distancing is the best way to slow the progress of this disease". "We are asking residents to take advantage of alternate payment options where possible." "In an effort to ensure continuity of service, as well as protect the health of my staff and the taxpayers of Stark County when visiting the office you will be required to observe social distancing of six feet or more and are strongly encouraged to wear a facial covering while conducting business with the office."

One significant change that is occurring is the resumption of the Treasurer's delinquent payment program. Taxpayers who are behind on their taxes can once again set up plans to catch up starting June 1st. Plans are available by appointment only and taxpayers appearing at the office will be asked to wear a facial covering for service. To schedule an appointment, taxpayers should call 330-451-7814. "It's my office's responsibility to serve the public as safely as possible," Zumbar said. "While these policy decisions are not easy, I believe they will allow us to continue to do that efficiently and effectively."

Additional changes implemented in March including a temporary stay in new foreclosure actions remain in place and Sheriff tax foreclosure sales have been temporarily suspended until further notice. Zumbar said a reassessment will occur in July.

Real estate property tax bills are scheduled to be mailed on or around June 15th, and are due for payment by July 15th. Mobile home bills will be mailed shortly thereafter and will be due by July 31st.

For additional information about operational changes and for status updates please visit the website at <u>www.starkcountyohio.gov/treasurer</u> or call the office at 330-451-7814.