

ABOUT YOUR TAX BILL The contents of your real estate tax bill are prescribed by Ohio law. Only one parcel of property can be included on a bill. Failure to receive a tax bill does not excuse failure or delay to pay any taxes, special assessments, or other charges shown on such bill or avoid any penalty, interest or charge for such delay, pursuant to Sec. 323.13 O.R.C. Please examine tax bills enclosed. Make sure you receive all bills that you are to pay. Please return promptly to this office any bill that you are not legally bound to pay, giving this office information so that the bills might be forwarded to the proper person.

TAX INCREASES Any increase in the amount of your current real estate tax must be attributed to valuation changes, tax levies or bond issues. Any increase due to tax levies or bond issues was voted upon and passed by the voters of your taxing district. Your County Treasurer has no authority to increase or decrease your real estate tax.

QUESTIONS AND PHONE NUMBERS Questions about payments or payment options should be directed to the office of the Ashland County Treasurer at 419-282-4283 or 419-282-4229. Questions about values, special assessments, tax rates, homestead exemption and farm reductions should be directed to the Ashland County Auditor at 419-282-4330 or 419-282-4235.

PAYMENT OPTIONS - The Treasurer's Office accepts cash, checks and money orders for payment of Real Estate taxes. Taxpayers wishing to pay by credit card may do so by using Official Payments Corporation at **1-800-2PAY-TAX**. A CONVENIENCE FEE WILL BE CHARGED. ASHLAND COUNTY JURISDICTION CODE: 4514.

OFFICE HOURS: The Ashland County Treasurer's Office is located at 142 W. Second Street, Ashland. The office is open 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM Monday through Friday.

MONTHLY PAYMENT PLANS — The Ashland County Treasurer's Office offers a monthly payment program to help taxpayers in paying their taxes. This program is referred to as the Monthly Prepay Escrow Program. Taxpayers pre-pay their half tax.

LATE PAYMENTS: Late penalty charges are as follows: 5% of the current tax of received within 10 days of the closing date; 10% thereafter. If taxes remain delinquent, further penalty and interest will accrue. Interest charges will be added on August 1st & December 1st.

DELINQUENT TAX PAYMENT PLANS: The Treasurer's Office offers payment plans for taxpayers that are delinquent on their real estate taxes.

RECEIPTS: Your cancelled check will serve as your receipt. If you need further documentation, return your ENTIRE bill and a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your payment in the enclosed envelope.

ESCROW AGENT: If your real estate taxes are to be paid by a mortgage company, please forward this bill to them AND ask them to notify the Treasurer's Office in writing so we can bill them directly in the future.

CHECKS NOT HONORED BY YOUR FINANCIAL INSTITUTION: Any check not honored by your financial institution will be reversed with penalties and interest applied, where applicable, and you will be assessed a \$25.00 service fee.

"Notice": If taxes are not paid within one year from the date they are due, the property is subject to foreclosure for tax delinquency. Failure to provide such notice has no effect upon the validity of any tax foreclosure to which a property is subjected.

"Notice": If the taxes charged against this parcel have been reduced by the 2 1/2 per cent tax reduction for residences occupied by owner but the property is not a residence occupied by the owner, the owner must notify the county auditor's office not later than March 31 of the year following the year for which the taxes are due. Failure to do so may result in the owner being convicted of a fourth degree misdemeanor, which is punishable by imprisonment up to 30 days, a fine up to \$250, or both, and in the owner having to repay the amount by which the taxes were erroneously or illegally reduced, plus any interest that may apply.

If the taxes charged against this parcel have not been reduced by the 2 1/2 per cent tax reduction and the parcel includes a residence occupied by the owner, the parcel may qualify for the tax reduction. To obtain further information, the owner may contact the county auditor's office at 419-282-4330.

TAX BILL DEFINITIONS

MARKET VALUE — the value placed on a parcel of property by the Auditor's Appraisal Office for taxation purposes.

TAXABLE OR ASSESSED VALUE (TOTAL VALUE) — 35% of the market value.

TAX REDUCTION FACTOR/HOUSE BILL 920 CREDIT — eliminates increases in voted taxes (outside the 10 mill limit) which might occur when existing real property in a taxing unit is reappraised or updated. The difference between the Full Tax Rate and the Effective Rate. See "Credit" line in the computation section of your tax bill to determine the difference between the Full Tax Rate and Effective Rate.

FULL TAX RATE - the rate which includes all taxes - voted levies and inside millage - for all taxing jurisdictions in which the property is located.

EFFECTIVE TAX RATE - the tax rate after the tax reduction factors (see above) are applied to certain voted levies.

10% ROLLBACK - tax relief granted by state law to each taxpayer's real property tax. The state reimburses local governments for the cost of this tax credit.

2 1/2% ROLLBACK - tax relief granted by state law on an owner occupied residence. The state reimburses local governments for the cost of this tax credit.

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION - property tax reductions granted to qualified low-income homeowners who are at least 65 years of age or who are permanently and totally disabled regardless of age or who are certain surviving spouses.

RETURN WITH PAYMENT

TREASURER'S STUB

ADDRESS CHANGES

**CINDY FUNK
ASHLAND COUNTY TREASURER
COURT HOUSE, ASHLAND, OH 44805**

DO NOT WRITE IN
THIS AREA

CASH CHECK M.O.

▼ DETACH ALONG THIS LINE ▼

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142 W. SECOND STREET
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