



Bruce Elfant, Travis County Tax Assessor-Collector and Voter Registrar

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ATTN MEDIA: Bruce Elfant is available for property tax deadline interviews.

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Deadline to pay property taxes midnight Jan. 31

The deadline to pay property taxes is midnight, Wednesday, Jan. 31 and Travis County property owners are encouraged to make their payment online.

The online eCheck payment only costs \$1 and you will automatically be emailed a paid receipt for your records.

Using the online process is the fastest and most secure way to pay your property taxes and ensures you will not incur any penalty or interest charges on your tax bill if you pay before midnight.

Elfant cautioned people to be patient if they wait until the last day. "If you choose to call or come in person you will have a very long wait, and if you are paying online our payment processing system becomes slower to respond due to the high volume of traffic on deadline day," he said.

"We are all extremely busy in our everyday lives, which leads many people to procrastinate when it comes to paying their tax bill," says Bruce Elfant, the Travis County tax assessor-collector. "And let's face it, no one likes having to pay but we all have to do it so why not choose the quick and easy online method?"

You also may pay your property taxes online with a credit card or PayPal, which adds a three-percent charge to your total. You can access all the online payment methods at www.TravisCountyTax.org.

Property owners who cannot pay in full and want to set up a payment plan can review their payment options and apply online at www.TravisCountyTax.org. Owners with a senior,

disabled or disabled veteran homestead exemption can sign up to pay taxes in four installments without penalty and interest charges.

If you are one of the county's 141,000 property owners who escrow through a mortgage company or lending institution, your mortgage company probably requested the bill in order to pay your taxes, but you might want to check with the mortgage company to be sure.

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The **Travis County Tax Office** annually collects more than \$3 billion in local property taxes for 112 local government entities and \$4 million in fines and fees for Justice of the Peace and County Courts at Law. The office registers and titles almost 1 million vehicles, registers over 650,000 voters, and supports elections for 201 local government entities. The Tax Office operates five locations in Travis County and many services are available online.