



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

# News Release

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## **Pandemic-related federal program may provide relief for Travis County homeowners with delinquent taxes**

AUSTIN – Homeowners financially impacted by the pandemic and unable to pay their property taxes may qualify for a federal program that can help pay delinquent taxes.

“Right now, we are mailing out more than 32,000 delinquent property tax notices and many of those bills belong to homeowners,” said Travis County Tax Assessor-Collector Bruce Elfant. “I encourage any homeowner who can to seek relief from the Homeowners Assistance Fund to do so.”

The federal program is being administered by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs. Visit the agency website, [www.TexasHomeownerAssistance.com](http://www.TexasHomeownerAssistance.com), to find out what is required to qualify for financial relief.

“If you qualify for the program, the assistance fund will send a check for your delinquent taxes directly to the tax office,” Elfant said.

The fund also pays for other overdue home-related bills, including insurance, homeowner’s association or condominium fees, and cooperative maintenance. It also may pay off liens placed on the property that resulted from COVID-19 hardship.

“The importance of this fund is to help homeowners who qualify to avoid losing their homes due to the strain placed on their budgets by the pandemic,” Elfant said.

Elfant reminds homeowners if they do not qualify for the assistance fund, they have the option of setting up a payment plan for delinquent taxes with the tax office. More information on payment plans is available at the tax office website, [www.TravisCountyTax.org](http://www.TravisCountyTax.org).

The **Travis County Tax Office** annually collects more than \$5 billion in local property taxes for 136 local government entities and \$4 million in court fees on behalf of the County Courts, District Courts and Justices of the Peace. The office registers and titles almost 1 million vehicles, registers over 850,000 voters, and supports elections for 201 local government entities. The Tax Office operates five locations in Travis County and many services are available online.