



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

# News Release

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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### **Monday, Feb. 1 deadline to pay property taxes, register to vote**

AUSTIN - The Travis County Tax Office is staying open from 5:30 p.m. until midnight, Monday, Feb. 1, to allow customers to drop off their property tax payment and register to vote.

The extended hours are only at the main Travis County Tax Office, 5501 Airport Blvd., under the blue awning marked "South." Customers can pull up to the front door where Tax Assessor-Collector Bruce Elfant will gladly take your property tax payment or completed voter registration application. If you still need to register to vote, staff will gladly provide you with a form to fill out.

"Midnight, Feb. 1, is an important date because it is the deadline for both property tax payment and voter registration for the March 1 Texas primary," Elfant said. "Miss the midnight deadline and you'll immediately begin accruing penalty and interest charges on your property taxes or be ineligible to vote in the primary election to select the presidential and local candidates for office."

Taxpayers who want to "Skip the Trip" can pay online at [www.TravisCountyTax.org](http://www.TravisCountyTax.org). Those needing to set up a property tax payment plan will not be able to do so at the tax office after 5:30 p.m. However, many taxpayers are eligible to set one up online.

The Travis County Tax Office annually collects more than \$3 billion in property taxes for 112 local government entities. Its collection rate is more than 99 percent – one of the highest in the state. Travis County, cities in the county, including the City of Austin, and local school districts use property tax money to fund their operations and programs.

Tax office partners Alamo Drafthouse Cinemas, working with the League of Women Voters, and Univision are offering voter registration Monday, Feb. 1, at the following locations:

- Alamo Drafthouse Ritz, 320 E. 6<sup>th</sup> St, 6 p.m. to midnight.
- Alamo Drafthouse South Lamar, 1120 South Lamar, noon to midnight.
- Alamo Drafthouse Slaughter, 5701 W. Slaughter Lane, noon to midnight.
- Alamo Drafthouse Lakeline, 14028 N. U.S. Highway 183, Building F, noon to midnight.
- Alamo Drafthouse Village, 2700 W. Anderson Lane, Suite 701, noon to midnight.



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Voter registration at Univision will be available 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the station's headquarters, 2233 W. North Loop Blvd.

Currently, there are more than 650,000 registered voters in Travis County, an historical record. Elfant is hoping to register 90 percent of the county's eligible voters in time for the November presidential election. To do that, the county will need a total 715,000 or more registered voters. Learn about voter registration and how you can qualify to help register voters at [www.TravisCountyTax.org](http://www.TravisCountyTax.org).

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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.