

Cook County waives late fees

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Thanks to a change in the law, property owners have two extra months to pay their First Installment Cook County property tax bills without a late fee, through May 3.

The Cook County Board of Commissioners in November waived for two months the 1.5 percent per-month late fee on all Tax Year 2020 property taxes. Taxpayers can pay the First Installment, due March 2, without a late fee through May 3. Late fees also will be waived for two months for the Second Installment, due later this year.

Taxpayers should look at the front of their bill at a section called "Taxing District Debt and Financial Data," which provides information for each taxing district such as:

- Money owed by your taxing districts
- Pension and health care amounts promised by your taxing districts
- Amount of pension and health care shortage
- Percentage of pension and health care costs taxing districts are able to pay

Property owners can pay their bills by visiting [CookCountyTreasurer.com](https://www.cookcountytreasurer.com) and entering their street address.

Will County normally mails its bills around May 1, with two equal installments due June 1 and September 1. The Will County treasurer also sent notice recently that the upcoming Will County property tax bills will provide for four equal installments. Due dates for these installments was not provided, but will assuredly allow taxpayers additional time to pay as well. The Village will update residents as more information becomes available.