

## Press Release

We are aware that the pandemic has brought upon us many uncertainties. Nevertheless, we are proud to report that the property tax bills will be mailed on May 1<sup>st</sup> without delay.

Taxpayers may use the following options for payment(s):

1. Online <http://www.co.champaign.il.us/treasurer/payments.php>
  - a) An email address will be required to make a payment online. Upon payment, you will receive a receipt via email.
  - b) Heartland Payment Services will charge a convenience fee of 2.25% + \$1.50.
2. Telephone support is also available at 217-384-3743; staff will be on duty to collect credit card payments over the phone Monday through Friday until 4:30 p.m. An email address is required. If you prefer, you may call our toll-free line at 1-855-867-3731.
3. An outdoor Drop Box will be available for tax payments at 1776 East Washington Street, Urbana. The payments will be marked as received each day. Please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope if you would like to receive a receipt, which can take up to several business days to process.
4. Or, you can make payments at the following financial institutions if you are currently a customer:

### **Champaign County real estate taxes can be paid at the following participating banks:**

Bank of Rantoul	The Gifford State Bank
BankChampaign	Heartland Bank & Trust
Busey Bank	Hickory Point Bank & Trust
Central Illinois Bank	Illinois National Bank
Commerce Bank	Iroquois Federal
Community Plus Federal Credit Union	Longview Bank
Dewey Bank	Marine Bank
First Federal Savings Bank	Midland States Bank
First Financial Bank	Philo Exchange Bank
First Mid Bank & Trust	Prairie State Bank & Trust
First Midwest Bank	Prospect Bank
First State Bank - Champaign	Regions Bank
First State Bank of Forrest (Mahomet)	State Bank of Bement - Ivesdale Branch
Fisher National Bank	U of I Community Credit Union*

**BANKS CANNOT ACCEPT ANY LATE PAYMENTS  
ALL LATE PAYMENTS MUST BE DIRECTED TO THE COLLECTORS OFFICE**

\* Bank accepts payments from their customers only.

# Exemptions for 2019

Questions about your exemptions? Contact Supervisor of Assessments at 217-384-3760

## Over age 65 Exemption

65 or older by December 31, 2019  
\$5,000 assessment reduction  
Must reside at property

## Returning Veteran Exemptions

Available for veterans returning from active duty in 2019  
\$5,000 assessment reduction

## Senior Assessment Freeze

65 or older by December 31, 2019  
Annual household income less than \$65,000  
Must reside at property January 1, 2018 thru January 1, 2019

## Disabled Veteran Exemption

Veteran needs to be at least 30% disabled due to a service connected disability  
30% - 49% \$2,500 assessment reduction  
50% - 69% \$5,000 assessment reduction  
70% - 100% tax exempt

## General Homestead Exemption

Owner occupied by January 1, 2019  
\$6,000 assessment reduction

## Disabled Persons Exemption

100% disability requirement  
\$2,000 assessment reduction

## Improvement Exemption

4-year exemption due to new improvement up to \$25,000 of assessed value

Please visit our website for forms and exemption information at [www.co.champaign.il.us/ccao/exemptions.php](http://www.co.champaign.il.us/ccao/exemptions.php)

If taxes are included in your mortgage payment, check with your mortgage company before paying your bill. You may be required to forward your bill to your mortgage company.

Also, you can visit our Champaign County Treasurer Facebook page, listed below, where we provide a quick tutorial on how to pay your taxes online.

<https://www.facebook.com/champaigntreasurer>

English Video (will be available after 6:00 pm on May 1<sup>st</sup>)

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=252496219453044>

Spanish Video (will be available after 6:00 pm on May 1<sup>st</sup>)

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=2676146429323227>

The Treasurer's Office, as well as the Assessor's Office, can arrange for individual appointments to accommodate special circumstances. Please do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions at [217-384-3743](tel:217-384-3743) or by email at [treasurer@co.champaign.il.us](mailto:treasurer@co.champaign.il.us). The Treasurer's Office is working hard to find relief options for those experiencing hardship and we are currently communicating with other Treasurers within Illinois to find the best solution for the taxpayers.