

PAYING YOUR STEPHENSON COUNTY PROPERTY TAXES IN 2020

The Stephenson County Treasurer's office supports and encourages contactless payment.

Online using www.GovPayNow.com, entering Pay Location Code (PLC) a0000c or via the link on the main page of the Stephenson County website. Parcel number(s) MUST be included. Multiple parcels may be combined in a single payment - doing so may reduce total fees. Failure to include the correct parcel number may delay your payment. Available 24/7 through November 18th.

At participating local banks – a list is available on the Treasurer's webpage. The payment coupon must be presented with payment. Banks cannot accept payments past the due dates.

By **mail** with a check or money order sent to: *Stephenson County Treasurer, 50 W. Douglas St, Suite 503, Freeport, IL 61032*. We recognize the postmark as the date paid, but ask that you mail prior to that date due to differences in local post office processing times. Your cleared check serves as your payment receipt. Want a written receipt? Please include a self-addressed stamped envelope with your payment. A single check may be used to pay multiple parcels.

By **electronic check (e-check)** through your personal banking account. Pay your taxes as you would pay any other bill from your bank account. List the payee *as Stephenson County Treasurer at 50 W. Douglas St., Suite 503, Freeport, IL 61032*. List your parcel(s) number as your account number. A single check may be used to pay multiple parcels. Failure to include the correct parcel number may delay your payment.

**** Note** Checks returned for ANY reason will not be redeposited. Payment will be vacated and a \$25.00 fee will be assessed, per check.**

By **secure drop box** in the lobby of the Stewart Centre at 50 W. Douglas Street in Freeport. Access to the drop box is available any time the Stewart Centre is open. The locked, secure drop box is located immediately inside the east door and is under 24-hour dual-camera surveillance. Items are retrieved several times per day.

In person by check, money order, or cash at 50 W. Douglas Street, 5th floor from 8:30 AM-4:30 PM, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays (July 3, September 7, November 3, and November 11 during tax season). Please have your check completed prior to arrival to submit along with your payment coupon. CASH PAYMENTS REQUIRE EXACT CHANGE.

Personal checks are accepted through October 18th. Between October 19th and November 18th, we will accept only the following, in addition to exact cash: Bank issued checks, mortgage company checks, title company checks, attorney checks, certified/cashier's checks, money orders.