



# COUNTY OF KINGS DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

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Dear Homeowner:

The County of Kings Department of Finance has closed its lobby to the public because of the Coronavirus. We will be available by phone; however, we will have limited staff on site and even that may change over time. We are asking everyone to be patient as we work through this unique time. Currently there has not been any change, by the State, to the property tax due date of April 10, by 5PM. Of course we would support any changes imposed by the State due to Coronavirus restrictions. I did want to remind all property owners that there are ways to pay property taxes without having to physically come into the office.

1. **NEW: EasySmartPay:** As of March 30, 2020, property owners will be able to make online credit card payments through a new program called EasySmartPay. The link to making this type of payment is [www.easysmartpay.net](http://www.easysmartpay.net). EasySmartPay is a new service where property owners can make a one-time payment or can make monthly payments. Only one-time payments will be allowed for the April 10, 2020 payment but monthly payments can be started for 2020/2021 tax payments. Please note: There is a convenience fee, as with all credit card payments. The convenience fee for EasySmartPay is 2.25%.
2. Starting on Monday, March 23, 2020, we will have a drop box in the County parking lot for property tax payments. We will pick up all payments for the day at 5PM and close the drop box until 7AM the following morning.
3. Mail a check, cashiers check, or money order by 5PM on April 10<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to include you phone number and e-mail address. If you are mailing a payment on the last day (April 10<sup>th</sup>), or close to the last day, be sure to have the postal worker date stamp your envelope.
4. As a last resort you may call my office and make a credit card payment over the phone. As I mentioned we will have limited staffing so this is not the most efficient way to make a payment and requires that someone is in the office, which may not always be the case. The County's convenience fee for using a credit card is 2.49%.

To reach the Tax Collector's office call 559-852-2479. Much of our staff will be working from home but we have forwarded our phones and still have access to the property tax system. If you would like to reach me directly call 559-852-2460, Jim Erb, Director of Finance. Thank you for your understanding. I am wishing that everyone stays well and that the County's preventative efforts continue to play a role in limiting if not preventing completely the number of Coronavirus cases we see in the County of Kings.

Sincerely,

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