



COVID-19 MUNICIPAL TAX DEFERRAL PROGRAM

What is the Property Tax Deferral Program?

At the April 28 Council meeting, Red Deer County gave first reading to the 2020 Tax Rate Bylaw, as well as a program that both defers and reduces 2020 tax penalties. At that time, Council approved a Bylaw that will defer penalty charges on property taxes until October 1 instead of the usual July 1. The Bylaw also reduces the penalty rate from 6% to 4% for the 2020 taxation year.

When are property taxes due?

As usual, property taxes in Red Deer County remain due on June 30, 2020. However, there will be no penalties for late payment until October 1, 2020. After the October 1 deadline, penalties will be implemented at a rate of 4%.

Do I need to apply to defer my property taxes?

No. All property owners have until September 30, 2020 to pay their property taxes. Red Deer County will automatically enrol anyone who has not paid by June 30 in the program.

What property tax categories are included in the program?

All categories are included in the deferral.

Can I still pay my taxes before the deadline?

Yes. Property owners who are able to pay at or before June 30 are encouraged to do so as property taxes fund critical services and infrastructure maintenance.

What if I cannot afford to pay my 2020 property taxes by the penalty date?

If you are unable to pay the full amount by September 30, Red Deer County encourages ratepayers to pay whatever they can afford. This will reduce the penalties incurred after the deadline.

When will 2020 tax notices be mailed?

Property assessment notices were sent to ratepayers in February. This notice indicates the assessed value of a property. Property tax notices will be sent out by the end of May, 2020.

Why deferral and not cancellation?

Although Red Deer County recognizes the significant impact of the Covid19 pandemic, taxation continues to fund important services such as Protective, Operations, Planning and Development, and Corporate Services. These areas are essential to the ongoing functioning of Red Deer County.

Do I have to defer the Provincial Education Requisition separately?

No. This requisition by the Province is incorporated into your 2020 municipal property taxes. You do not need to apply for any separate deferral.

What is the 2020 tax rate? How much will my taxes be?

Red Deer County Council tabled the tax rates for this year on April 28, 2020. You will receive a tax notice indicating how much is owed. For questions about taxation, please contact 403.350.2150 or visit rdcounty.ca

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