# **Solano County Secured Tax Bill** | Important Information

This information will help you understand the enclosed secured property tax bill. It is the property owner's responsibility to obtain and pay the bill. The Tax Collector by law is required to send a tax bill to every property owner in Solano County.

If you have made arrangements with a mortgage company to pay your taxes through an impound account, a notice should appear on the front of your tax bill in Box 4 (see reverse side for How to Read Your Tax Bill). If you have made these arrangements, and do not see a notice, or you have other concerns regarding mortgage company payments, please contact your mortgage company.

### Where Your Tax Dollars Go

Your Solano County tax dollars at work.



#### 23% -COUNTY GENERAL FUND

Public protection, Health & Social Services and all other county services

#### **3% - OTHER COUNTY FUNDS**

Includes the county library, capital outlay, parks and airport

**15% - CITIES** 

Includes the seven cities within the county

#### 51% - SCHOOLS

(19%) To ERAF (Educational Revenue Augmentation Fund) property taxes shifted from cities, special districts and county to offset cuts in State revenues to schools (32%) Includes all the school districts within the county

#### **6% - SPECIAL DISTRICTS**

Includes fire, cemetery, non-county library and other special purpose districts

#### 2% - REDEVELOPMENT

Pursuant to ABX1-26, dollars to pay successor obligations of the former redevelopment agency

### **How Your Taxes are Determined**

Property taxes are limited to 1% of the Net Total Assessed Value. Voter approved bonds and special assessments are added to the 1% tax limitation to arrive at the total tax due.

The Tax Collector is charged with collecting the amount of tax shown on the tax roll. He or she does not determine and cannot change the assessed value, applicable tax rate(s), amount of the tax, the due date, or the delinquent date. The Tax Collector can only accept the exact dollar amount shown on the tax bill.

## **Exemptions**

California law provides for exemptions in specific circumstances that may reduce or eliminate certain taxes from your bill. If you believe you may qualify for one or more of these exemptions contact the Assessor/Recorder at the number provided in the contact information section of this document.

## **Change of Mailing Address**

To update the mailing address please mail, e-mail or hand deliver your written request to the Solano County Assessor/Recorder using the contact information provided in the contact information section of this document.

## www.solanocounty.com

### **Contact Information**

For questions regarding change of address, exemptions, property ownership and assessed value information:

>> Assessor/Recorder: (707) 784-6210

>> assessor@solanocounty.com

For questions regarding tax rates:

>> Auditor/Controller: (707) 784-6283

>> prop@solanocounty.com

For questions regarding collection of taxes:

>> Tax Collector: (707) 784-7485

>> ttccc@solanocounty.com

For questions regarding special assessment charges:

>> Call the number listed next to the special assessment located in Box 6 on your tax bill

The Solano County Assessor/Recorder, Auditor/ Controller and Tax Collector are all located at the County Administration Center, 675 Texas Street, Fairfield, CA.



### How to Read Your Tax Bill

Your secured property tax bill, mailed annually on or before November 1, comes in three parts, including:

- The itemized bill detail for your records
- Payment stub to be sent in with first installment (bottom)
- Payment stub to be sent in with second installment (middle)

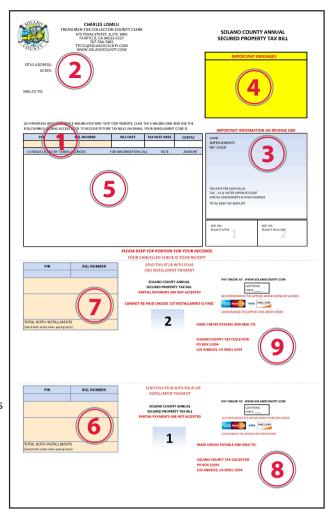
You may either pay the entire tax when the first installment is due (by sending in both payment stubs), or pay in two installments.

- Payment of the first installment must be received (or postmarked by) 5 p.m. on **December 10**.
- Payment of the second installment must be received (or postmarked by) 5 p.m. on April 10.

# Sample Tax Bill

Here is a sample tax bill. Please see the associated numbers to get a detailed explanation on how to read your tax bill.

- Your property identification number (PIN)
- Your property address
- Your property value and exemptions
- Special messages from the Tax Collector
- 1% of property value, voter approved bonds and special assessments
- Your first installment amount and due date
- Your second installment amount and due date
- Mail your first installment to this address
- Mail your second installment to this address



## **Paying Your Tax Bill**

The Solano County Tax Collector has several convenient payment options:

### 1) ONLINE









The Solano County Tax Collector's Office is proud to offer payment by Electronic Check without a convenience fee online at www.solanocounty.com. We also accept online, payment by Credit Card and Debit Card this service is provided by a third party who charges a convenience fee. Please see our website for details.

### 2) BY MAIL

You may mail your taxes by using the payment stub from your current tax bill along with your check made payable to Charles Lomeli, Tax Collector. Our payment mailing address is Solano County Treasury PO Box 51094, Los Angeles, CA 90051-5394. To avoid penalties please mail early. Tax payments must be received or postmarked by the delinquency date printed on the bill. If a payment is received after the delinquency date, with no postmark, the payment is considered late and penalties will be imposed, in accordance with State Law.

### 3) IN PERSON

You may pay your taxes in person at 675 Texas Street, 1st Floor, Suite 1900, Fairfield, CA 94533; we accept Cash, Check, Debit Card and Credit Card payment for taxes paid in office. Debit Card and Credit Card payments will incur a convenience fee. You may also use our drop boxes located at 675 Texas Street, Fairfield, CA.

### **Due Date**

If the delinquent date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or County recognized legal holiday, no penalty will be charged if payment is made or postmarked (U.S. Postal Service postmark) by 5pm on the next business day.

## **Additional Charges**

There will be a \$40 return item fee for any payment that is returned by your bank for any reason. The 1st installment, due November 1st, must be paid by December 10th or a 10% penalty will be assessed. The 2nd installment, due February 1st. must be paid by April 10th or a 10% penalty and \$20 cost will be assessed.