

Part 3

Delinquent Taxes

Taxpayers have the option of paying their property taxes in full by January 31 or if the taxpayer chooses to pay their taxes in installments, the first installment must be made to the proper town or village treasurer by January 31 and the second installment made to the county treasurer by July 31. If these deadlines are not made, the unpaid tax balance becomes delinquent and accrues interest at a rate of an additional 1% per month.

Example: If a tax bill is \$1,000.00 and becomes delinquent as of February 1, the amount due would be \$1,010.00. If the property tax remains delinquent for four years, in December of the fourth year the amount due would be \$1,470.00. Interest adds up quickly on delinquent taxes.

Delinquent tax statements are mailed out several times a year. In addition to paying by check, cash, money order or cashier's check, the Burnett County Treasurer's Office provides the option of paying delinquent taxes and the July installment by credit card/debit card or by e-check either online or by calling a toll free number. There is a convenience fee charged for this which is retained by the provider of the service.

The Burnett County Treasurer's Office also has an automatic withdrawal program for people with delinquent taxes. This program is to help pay up delinquent taxes before they get to the point of the tax deed process starting. With the automatic withdrawal, funds will be taken out of the taxpayers checking or savings account the 20th of each month. Also with the automatic withdrawal, the goal is to get all delinquent taxes paid up within 12-24 months. This year the option of Automatic Withdrawal is given to tax years 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014 that are delinquent. This will help keep the property from becoming eligible for tax deed process. Contact the Burnett County Treasurers Office for more information on signing up for automatic withdrawal for payment of delinquent property taxes.