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Property Tax Payment Options and Important Dates

As property tax season approaches, it is essential for property owners to be aware of the available payment options and key deadlines to ensure timely compliance and avoid penalties. This guide provides comprehensive information on how to manage property tax payments effectively.

Payment Schedule and Requirements

- **Initial Payment:** The first installment of your property tax bill must be at least 50% of the total notice amount. This requirement is strict, and no exceptions are permitted.
- **Payment Plans:** To assist property owners in managing their tax obligations, a scheduled payment plan can be arranged. This plan details upcoming due dates and accrued interest, helping you stay on track. Additionally, early payments are encouraged as they can reduce the overall interest paid.

Tax Bill Distribution and Address Verification

Tax bills are typically mailed out during the last week of October, allowing recipients to receive them in the first week of November. If you do not receive your tax bill by November, it is crucial to verify that your mailing address is current and accurate. This is especially important for property owners who have recently purchased a home or property, as tax

bills may be sent to the previous owner. In such cases, taxes may be prorated, and it is advisable to contact your closing attorneys for clarification.

Important Dates for Partial Payments

Property owners can make partial payments between November 1st and February 1st. This schedule applies specifically to real property taxes and does not include personal property or mobile home taxes. Adhering to these dates can help avoid late fees and ensure your account remains in good standing.

Accepted Payment Methods

- Checks, provided they include a valid driver's license number and phone number
- Cash payments
- Credit card payments, subject to a convenience fee of 2.5%

It is recommended to choose the payment method that best suits your financial situation while being mindful of associated fees and requirements.

Summary

Staying informed about property tax deadlines, payment options, and mailing procedures is vital for property owners. Proper planning and timely payments can help avoid penalties and interest charges, ensuring a smooth tax season. For any uncertainties or specific questions, contacting your local tax authority or closing attorneys is advisable.

Sincerely,

J. Walker