

Installment Payment of Property Taxes

Response Rate: 44 counties (96%)

County	Passed Ordinance?	Problems Encountered	Tech Support	Comments	Respondent
Abbeville	No			We have discussed this option, but the treasurer is not prepared to support this payment technique. We have not followed through any further.	Scott Moulder, County Administrator
Aiken	No			To do so would cost thousands in programming costs, and there have been very few requests for this service to the treasurers throughout the state.	Linda Sharpe, County Treasurer
Allendale	No				JoAnn Ussery, Asst. County Administrator
Anderson	No				Gina Humphries, Finance Director
Bamberg	No				Rose Elliott, County Administrator
Barnwell	No			This would probably be a nightmare in record keeping for the county as well as the property owners, mortgage companies, etc.	Pickens Williams, County Administrator
Beaufort	Yes	Although we passed an ordinance a few years ago, we have not implemented the ordinance due to the lack of a proper method of accounting. Our current tax system will not allow for partial payments.	We have recently contracted with Manatron which will give us this mechanism, and we will implement it when we do the conversion.	The taxpayers are still thinking this is a method to postpone their payments rather than prepay. We have not had a large response for this prepayment method.	Joy Logan, County Treasurer
Berkeley	No				Gloria Whitten, Supervisor's Office
Calhoun	No				Lee Prickett, County Administrator
Charleston	No			The last time we looked at the law, I think we saw some problems with it that made implementation impractical. I wasn't personally involved in that review, so I'm not familiar with the details.	Keith Bustraan, Deputy County Administrator
Cherokee	No				Jackie Williams, County Treasurer
Chester	No			It would probably require additional staffing. Also, it would require additional software modifications by our software provider.	Jack Kindle, County Treasurer
Chesterfield	No				Kathy Sheeler, County Treasurer
Clarendon	No				Bill Houser, County Administrator
Colleton	No				Becky Hill, County Treasurer
Darlington	No				Belinda Copeland, County Treasurer
Dillon	No				Jamie Estes, Dillon County
Dorchester	No			I have informed the Council of more and more requests from taxpayers for this type of payment.	Mary Pearson, County Treasurer
Edgefield	No				John Pettigrew, County Administrator
Fairfield	No				Phil Hinely, County Administrator
Florence	No				Kevin Yokim, Finance Director

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Georgetown	Yes	To date we have not had any problems with the process. When the taxpayer requests installment payments, they're sent coupons that they send in every two months with their payments. When the taxes come due, the database will credit their account with the payments.	County MIS Department		Leslie Thomas, IT Director
Greenville	No				Sandra Yudice, Asst. to the County Admin.
Greenwood	Yes				
Hampton	No				Sabrina Graham, County Administrator
Horry	Yes	Our ordinance passed In 2007, and we implemented the program for the 2008 tax year.	In-house programmers developed the software.	We have a little over 2000 parcels on the program. Should anyone wish to discuss our program, I can be reached at (843) 915-8677.	Roddy Dickinson, County Treasurer
Jasper	No				Ronnie Malphrus, Deputy County Administrator
Kershaw	No				Brenda Wilhite, Deputy County Administrator
Lancaster	No			Sounds nightmarish to us, but it could be done....would be interested in cycling real estate bills year round.	Dick Rowell, County Treasurer
Laurens	No				Cindy Burke, County Treasurer
Lee	No			There are some inherent problems with it. It makes us an escrow agent. The cost of programming to handle is cost-prohibitive at this time. I believe the law should be changed with our input for payments after the bill is sent. For example, you can pay insurance premiums over 4 to 6 months with a \$2.00 surcharge added to each payment.	Wayne Capell, County Treasurer
Lexington	No				Katherine Hubbard, County Administrator
Marion	No			It would require a lot of programming, and we do not have personnel to handle this.	Patsy Rogers, County Treasurer
Marlboro	No			One of the biggest problems our counties would face is revenue not coming in at the appropriate time or deadlines for bond payments. All bond payments are set up when the large taxes come in. It would be detrimental to the counties and school districts. They would not have enough revenue to pay on the debts for the county and school district. Some of these are set up for 20 - 30 years. The fire departments set up their payments for when the large amount of taxes come in. Just think it would open up a can of worms for industry payments as well.	Delorice Barrington, County Treasurer
McCormick	No				Bruce Cooley, County Administrator
Newberry	No				Judy Floyd, County Treasurer
Oconee	No				Dale Surrent, County Administrator
Orangeburg					

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Pickens	Yes	No one has used it. We would need to have programs written by our software provider if this happens.			Dale Looper, County Treasurer
Richland	Yes	No	CSRA	We have about 300 people a year sign up. It has not been difficult for us because we were accepting quarterly payments before the law was amended to provide for installment payment of taxes.	David Adams, County Treasurer
Saluda					

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Spartanburg	No				Glenn Breed, County Administrator
Sumter	No				Carolina Richardson, County Treasurer
Union	No				Donnie Betenbaugh, County Supervisor
Williamsburg	No				Jackie Hailes, Personnel Manager
York	No			At this time, our current software is not capable of tracking installment payments.	Beth Latham, County Treasurer
TOTAL	Yes: 6 No: 38				