

Installment Payment of Property Taxes

Response Rate: 45 counties (98%)

County	Passed Ordinance?	Problems Encountered	Tech Support	Comments
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.
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.
Allendale	No			
Anderson	No			
Bamberg	No			
Barnwell	No			This would probably be a nightmare in record keeping for the county as well as the property owners, mortgage companies, etc.
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.
Berkeley	No			
Calhoun	No			
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.
Cherokee	No			
Chester	No			It would probably require additional staffing. Also, it would require additional software modifications by our software provider.
Chesterfield	Yes			
Clarendon	No			
Colleton	No			
Darlington	No			
Dillon	No			
Dorchester	Yes			I have informed the Council of more and more requests from taxpayers for this type of payment.
Edgefield	No			
Fairfield	No			
Florence	No			
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	
Greenville	No			
Greenwood	Yes			
Hampton	No			
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.
Jasper	No			
Kershaw	No			

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Lancaster	No			Sounds nightmarish to us, but it could be done....would be interested in cycling real estate bills year round.
Laurens	No			
Lee	No			There are some inherent problems with it. It makes us an escrow agent. The cost of programing 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.
Lexington	Yes			
Marion	No			It would require a lot of programming, and we do not have personnel to handle this.
Marlboro	No			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.
McCormick	No			
Newberry	No			
Oconee	No			
Orangeburg				County will begin accepting installment payment in 2012.
Pickens	Yes	No one has used it. We would need to have programs written by our software provider if this happens.		
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.
Saluda				
Spartanburg	No			
Sumter	No			
Union	No			
Williamsburg	No			
York	Yes			
TOTAL	Yes: 10 No: 35			