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Press Release RE: 2022 Spring Property Taxes
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Monroe County Property taxes were mailed April 1st. Page 1 is a remittance stub for spring and fall and a taxpayer summary stub for the taxpayers records. Page 2 is a summary of assessed value, deductions and exemptions and component tax rates broken out by unit. The back page of the tax bill covers all payment options, some frequently asked questions about tax bills and county department phone numbers. The back of page 2 is a notice of the taxpayer's right to file for an appeal of their assessed value and an explanation of the tables on the front of page 2. Tax bills also contain a notice on green paper that explains what "In Escrow" means as well as highlighting the mailing address and helpful hints for mailing payments and obtaining an on-time postmark. The white insert in the bill is about paperless billing called QuickViewHere.

Tax bills are sent to all taxpayers, whether it is a zero bill or paid by a mortgage company. Tax bills are a good way for the taxpayers to see where their tax dollars are being allocated. Tax bills also provide a chance for the taxpayer to check on their deductions and exemptions and review any changes they may need to make for upcoming years. If a taxpayer pays off their mortgage mid-year, they can use the tax bill to pay the fall installment that is due November 10th.

Taxpayers can pay the spring and fall at any time before the due dates. A person does not need to wait until close to the November 10 due date to pay the fall portion.

A common question is about the itemized charge labeled "Other Assessment (OA)". This line can hold a few different items that are added to the tax bill. It can show the stormwater fee that is added to every county parcel with a home, building or hard surface such as a parking lot. This line also hold any liens that are filed on the property, such as weed liens and unsafe building liens. As a side note, city parcels have their stormwater fee added to their city water bill. The "Other Assessment (OA)" line on the tax bill is broken out on the second page under Table 4: Other Charges/Adjustments to this property.

This year, tax rates remained relatively stable. These taxing districts saw a decrease in their tax rate: Bean Blossom, Bloomington, Clear Creek, Indian Creek, Perry, Richland, Richland City, Ellettsville, Van Buren, and Washington. These districts saw an increase in their tax rate: Stinesville, Benton, Bloomington City, Perry City, Polk, Salt Creek and Van Buren City. Washington and Benton taxing districts saw an increase in the "Special" tax line due to the movement of fire protection from the township to the Monroe Fire District. The township fire protection was removed from the township rate and moved to the Monroe Fire Protection District, which is listed in the "Special" tax line. There was movement in all the component units' tax rates in 2022, with the city and the county's tax rate going down and MCCSC's tax rate going up.

Increases in taxes in 2022 mostly came from increases in assessed value, as market prices of real estate have continued to grow in Monroe County. The median tax bill is around \$1,446.00 this year.

The treasurer's office is able to provide a deeper dive into any individual tax bill. We can talk to taxpayers about the effect of their assessed value and changing tax rates on their tax liability. We can look into any questions they have and explain changes or give direction to find answers.

Parking in downtown Bloomington is a challenge this spring. Construction and summer street closings has shifted the available parking spots to parking garages and distant side streets. The weekend before the spring deadline is IU graduation weekend and I strongly encourage taxpayers to come to the courthouse before Friday May 6th if they want to pay in person. The back of the tax bill and our website lists many different payment options that are safe and convenient. Mailing your tax bill and paying online or by phone are the most popular options.

Please call or email if you have any questions. 812-349-2530 or treasurer@co.monroe.in.us