

## QUESTIONS CONCERNING YOUR TAX BILLS



### PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX BILLS

#### **WHY DID I RECEIVE THIS BILL?**

Tax bills for personal property are based on tangible and intangible personal property tax returns you have filed with the State Revenue Cabinet or the Property Valuation Administrator's Office.

#### **HOW WAS THIS TAX CALCULATED?**

The property tax bill lists the assessed value of your personal property, the tax rate applied by various jurisdictions (such as the state, county, and school system) and the subtotal of each.

### REAL ESTATE BILLS

#### **WHY DID I RECEIVE THIS BILL?**

Tax bills for real estate property are sent to the owner of record as of January 1, or the current owner, according to the records of the Property Valuation Administrator's Office. If you are not the current owner please call or forward this bill to the owner if possible. If this is not possible, please notify the Sheriffs Office. (We will mail them a computer printout of the bill).

#### **HOW WAS MY TAX CALCULATED?**

The property tax bill lists the assessed value of your property, the tax rate that was applied by various jurisdictions (such as the state, county and school systems) and the subtotal of each, (before discounts or penalties). Pay only the single amount listed in the "If Paid By: Balance Due" areas at the top right of your bill and on your payment stub. Do not submit separate payments for each subtotal!

#### **WHO DO I CALL IF I HAVE QUESTIONS CONCERNING MY BILL?**

If you have questions concerning acreage, assessment questions, name or address wrong etc. on the bill, you will need to call the PVA Office at 765-2129. Questions concerning payment or not receiving a bill are handled at the sheriffs office.

#### **WHAT OFFICE DO I NEED TO CALL CONCERNING DELINQUENT TAXES?**

To check to see if there are delinquent taxes for prior years, you would need to call the Hardin County Clerk's Office at 765-2171.

#### **WHAT CITY TAXES ARE INCLUDED ON MY COUNTY TAX BILL?**

The city taxes for West Point, Sonora and Upton are included on the county tax bill.

### **WHAT IF I DO NOT WANT TO PAY THE FIRE SUBSCRIBER DUES?**

The Fire Subscription Dues are listed on all properties in the unincorporated areas of Hardin County. If you wish to NOT PAY the subscriber dues, please deduct that amount off of the total due before sending in payment **ALONG WITH THE WAIVER THAT IS ENCLOSED WITH YOUR TAX BILL**. The Fire Subscription Dues are for 2009. **THERE IS A WAIVER FOR THE FIRE SUBSCRIPTION DUES IN ALL TAX BILLS. IF THE PROPERTY IS IN AN INCORPORATED CITY THEY NEED TO DISREGARD WAIVER.**

### **WHAT IF I BOUGHT OR SOLD THE PROPERTY DURING THE YEAR?**

The seller usually pays a pro-rated tax during closing for the portion of the year they owned the property. The buyer is then responsible to pay the entire tax amount when billed. If you are in doubt, refer to your closing settlement statement.

### **WHAT ARE HOMESTEAD AND DISABILITY EXEMPTIONS'?**

These exemptions can reduce your taxable assessment. The homestead exemption applies to people who are 65 or older who own the home in which they live. The disability exemption applies to people who are 100% disabled, own the home in which they live. In order for you to get the disability exemption you need to present your "notice of award" letter from Social Security to the PVA Office. **The HOMESTEAD/DISABILITY EXEMPTION FOR 2009-10 IS \$33,700** and this amount is deducted from your fair cash value before your bill is calculated. If you think you might qualify for either of these exemptions, and you are not already receiving the exemption, call the **Property Valuation Administrator's Office at 270-765-2129**.

### **WHAT IF MY BILL WAS SENT TO MY MORTGAGE COMPANY?**

If a mortgage company requests your tax bill on your behalf we send the tax bill to them. If you want a copy of the bill we can send you a computer printout.

## **PAYING YOUR BILL**

### **WHAT PAYMENT METHODS ARE AVAILABLE?**

You may pay your bill by check, money order, credit or debit card. Make your check or money order payable to: Hardin County Sheriffs Office. Include the Property I. D. number (shown on your bill) on your check or money order.



For your convenience, we accept payments using a Credit or Debit card. Kentucky Revised Statute 64.840 authorizes our office to accept Credit & Debit cards as forms of payment for taxes and to recover a transaction fee charged as part of and in addition to the original amount of the tax or fee. The service fees for the cards listed above are as follows:

VISA/Master Card/Discover = 2.75% + \$1.50

VISA Signature Debit Card = \$3.95

PIN Debit Card = 1.5% + \$1.50

**WHEN IS MY PAYMENT DUE?**

There is a schedule at the top right of your tax bill, and on your payment stub, showing the amount that is due, depending on the date your payment is received. As you can see, if your payment is received in the Sheriffs Office by the earliest date shown, you will receive a 2 percent discount. If you pay from November 1-30 you will receive a 2% discount. If you pay from December 1-31 you are paying the base amount of the bill. Any payment made after December 31<sup>st</sup> is considered delinquent and has a penalty added.

**WILL I GET A RECEIPT?**

Your canceled check or money order will be your receipt.

**WHAT IF I AM DUE A REFUND?**

If for some reason you think there is an overpayment, please call the Sheriffs Office. We may need you to provide documentation before a refund can be processed.

**MAY I PAY SEVERAL BILLS WITH ONE PAYMENT?**

Yes. However, if you do, please check to be sure you've added all the appropriate amounts correctly, so your payment will not be delayed in processing. Please remember to include your stubs for each property bill you pay.

**CAN I SEND IN A PARTIAL PAYMENT?**

**No.** We **do not** accept any kind of partial payments-they will be sent back.

**DO YOU ACCEPT PAYMENTS THAT ARE POSTMARKED?**

Payments that are postmarked by the due date are accepted for the months of November, December and January only.

**WHEN IS THE LATEST I CAN PAY MY TAXES AT THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE?**

If tax bills are not paid by April 15, they are turned over to the Hardin County Clerk for collection. At that time additional penalties and interest will apply.

**PHONE NUMBERS:**

**CLERK'S OFFICE 765-21 71**

**PVA 765-2129**

**ETOWN CITY HALL 765-6121**

**RADCLIFF CITY HALL 351-4714**

**VINE GROVE CITY HALL 877-2422**