



**Cook County Clerk Real Estate & Tax Services
TAXPAYER UPDATE-IV**

May 5, 2020 the Clerk will be Accepting Redemption Payments and Request for Estimates of the Cost of Redemption and other Delinquent Bills

Effective May 5, 2020, the Clerk's Office will accept tax redemption payments and request for Estimates of the Cost of Redemption and other Delinquent Bills by both regular and courier mail directed to:

**Cook County Clerk's Office, RE & TS - Accounting Dpt,
118 N. Clark, Rm. 434, Chicago, IL 60602**

(If sent by courier, do not request signature, as it will not be returned.)

We will continue the grace period until July 7, 2020. **Redemptions where the last day to redeem was between March 18, 2020 to and including June 26, 2020 will have a last day to redeem of July 7, 2020.** Please note, that all redemption payments must be paid in total with certified funds as required by the Property Tax Code at 35 ILCS 200/21-355. Also, please note that tax buyers will be able to add additional fees, costs and subsequent tax payments to the redemption bill. These fees will apply if such fees were paid by the tax buyer between March 18, 2020 and June 26, 2020, therefore increasing the final redemption amount.

Accrued Interest Removed (for interest accrued while the Clerk's Office was not processing redemptions)

To account for accruing statutory interest during the time the Clerk's Office was closed and NOT processing redemptions, the Clerk's Office will remove interest that accrued during the non-processing period. Therefore, tax redemption bills requested from May 5, 2020 through June 26, 2020, will not have interest charged for the period March 18, 2020 through May 4, 2020. After June 26, 2020, any Estimate of Redemption requested will include interest for the time period of March 18, 2020 through May 4, 2020. In other words, after June 26, 2020, interest will accrue as is normally directed under the Property Tax Code and any Estimate requested after June 26, 2020 will include statutory interest.

****NOTE**:** In order to take advantage of the grace period, which extends the time period to pay, **PAYMENT MUST BE POST MARKED BY JULY 7, 2020.** Any payments postmarked after July 7, 2020, will not be allowed an extension of the last date to redeem and will not be allowed to have interest removed.

Request for Estimates of the Cost of Redemption or other Delinquent Tax Bills

To request a bill, please visit <https://www.cookcountyclerk.com/service/estimate-redemption> for an order form. Payment must accompany the form, otherwise it will not be accepted. Payment may be made by check or money order made payable to **COOK COUNTY CLERK.** Your order will be returned to you at the address you provide.

****NOTE**:** Since all requests will be accepted by mail only, please plan accordingly so that you do not miss the deadline, there will be **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

After July 7, 2020, the grace period for payment or removal of interest will no longer apply on any Estimate of the Cost of Redemption.

The Clerk's Office highly recommends that any submissions from Taxpayers to the Clerk's Office are done as soon as practicable to ensure the timely processing of Redemptions and Bill requests.

Questions about any of the above should be emailed to Tax.Redemption@cookcountyil.gov. We apologize for any delay in response time, as staff is working remotely.

****Please continue to check the Clerk's website at cookcountyclerk.com/agency/property-taxes for any operational changes resulting from any extension of the current emergency orders.****