



Cook County Clerk Real Estate & Tax Services TAXPAYER UPDATE

Real Estate and Tax Services Division Closed to the Public

Under the current State and County Executive Orders (Stay at Home Orders) to limit public access to County Buildings, the Cook County Clerk's Office will be closed March 18, 2020 to April 30, 2020 (44 calendar days).

Office Reopens

The Clerk's Office intends to accept tax redemptions for a "grace period" for the same time period that the Clerk's Office has been closed as a result of the State and County orders. Currently, the State and County orders require the time period of closure to be 44 calendar days, or until April 30, 2020. Therefore, if the time period of closure remains 44 days, the grace period will be until June 1, 2020. (The 44th day of the grace period falls on May 30th, which is a Saturday and pursuant to the Statute on Statutes the due date will be next business day or June 1, 2020.)

Accrued Interest

To account for accruing statutory interest during the time the Clerk's Office is closed and not processing redemptions, the Clerk's Office will remove interest that accrued during the closure period. Therefore, tax redemption bills requested from the date the office reopens through the 44th-day grace period (currently June 1, 2020) will not have interest charged from March 18, 2020 through April 30, 2020.

Note: The time for the removal of interest and requesting a redemption bill is subject to extension should the stay at home order of the State and County be extended. The grace period will be whatever the actual time period of office closure is ordered.

Mailed Order Request or Mailed Payments

Mail with a post mark after March 26th will be processed upon the reopening of the office and will be dated with the date the office reopens.