

San Miguel County Treasurer
Property Tax Late Payment / Delinquent Interest Policy
March 23, 2020

THE POLICY:

Many taxpayers who had planned on paying their taxes in full by April 30th may find it difficult to do so now due to income loss during the COVID-19 virus emergency.

From now until April 20th, tax payers may make a delinquent first half property tax payment (originally due March 2nd) without interest. The second half payment will be due June 15th.

Due to computer system constraints, you cannot make this delinquent 1st half payment without interest through our online system. It will be necessary to mail a check to the San Miguel County Treasurer at P.O. Box 488, Telluride, CO 81435.

If either the Legislature or the Governor extend my authority beyond the April 30th full payment deadline, we will readdress this policy.

This waiver of the first half payment interest does not extend to accounts where the taxes are being remitted by a mortgage company through a taxpayer's escrow account or by a title company as part of a real estate closing.

BACKGROUND:

With Executive Orders D 2020 010 and D 2020 012, Governor Polis authorized the County Treasurers to suspend or waive delinquent interest that may accrue as a result of delinquent tax payments for 30 days. It is common, when a Governor is overriding state law, to limit the executive order for 30 days to allow the Legislature to take action. Should the legislature not act within that time period, and the situation that brought on the need for the Executive Order still exists, it is also common for the Governor to extend those provisions.

While there is no guarantee that we will be able to waive interest for the full payment deadline on April 30th, it is likely.