



Dear Taxpayer,

Enclosed is your 2018 property tax bill. Since the Tax Collector does not decide how much to collect, contact information for those who make that decision can be found on your bill. You will find answers to frequently asked questions below. Please read carefully to ensure that you receive full advantage of any discounts and do not have to pay any penalties. If you have a question that is not answered in this flyer, do not hesitate to ask. If you have any suggestions as to how my office can serve you better, please let me know. We **always** need to hear from our customers!
Very truly yours,

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How do I **CHANGE MY MAILING ADDRESS**?

Submit the correct address to the **Property Appraiser**. Visit www.SC-PA.com, and select "Address Change" from "Contact Us."

How do I **ADD, REMOVE OR CHANGE A NAME** on my bill?

In most cases, a new deed is required. Deeds and other legal instruments are recorded by the Clerk of the Circuit Court. For specific details regarding your property, contact the Property Appraiser at www.SC-PA.com.

Where do I find **EXEMPTIONS** on my bill?

If you qualify for an exemption, you will see an amount listed under the "Exemption" column in the "Ad Valorem Taxes" section of your bill, and under "Your Exemptions" on the middle-left of your bill. Contact the Property Appraiser with any questions related to exemptions such as the **homestead exemption**.

Do I have to pay the bill if I **SOLD MY PROPERTY**?

- ⇒ For **real estate**, you do not owe the tax. You can disregard the bill.
- ⇒ For **tangible personal property**, if you were the owner on January 1, 2018, you owe the tax. If you sold the property before January 1, 2018, please contact us with the new owner's name and address.

Do I have to pay the entire bill if I **PURCHASED MY PROPERTY MID-YEAR**?

Usually, there is a proration between the buyer and seller at closing. On your closing documents, there may be a line item where you received credit or funds from the seller for their portion of the tax for the year. If you are unsure who is responsible to pay the tax or if you need help finding this information, contact your closing agent.

What can I do if I **CAN'T PAY MY TAXES**?

Homestead tax deferral allows Florida residents to delay paying all or part of their taxes if requirements concerning income and liens on the property are met. The deferred portion becomes a lien and interest accrues until the taxes are paid. An application to defer **CURRENT YEAR TAXES ONLY** can be found at www.SarasotaTaxCollector.com or by contacting our office. The application is due by March 31, 2019.

What is the difference between the **PARTIAL PAYMENT PLAN AND QUARTERLY INSTALLMENT PLAN**?

- ⇒ The **Partial Payment Plan** allows you to pay your **CURRENT YEAR TAXES ONLY** in as many payments as you would like, but the entire amount must be paid in full by March 31, 2019. If you choose to pay by this method, you will **forfeit the discount** regardless of when the payments are made. A \$10 fee will be deducted from each payment and will not be applied to the taxes due. See the "Notice of Partial Payment" form at the bottom of the back side of your tax bill.
- ⇒ The **Quarterly Installment Plan** allows you to pay your taxes in four payments rather than one. *Unfortunately, you cannot pay the bill you just received in installments.* To pay **NEXT YEAR'S TAXES** in installments, your 2018 taxes must be more than \$100. Visit www.SarasotaTaxCollector.com to complete the application by April 30, 2019. PLEASE NOTE: If your property is on the installment plan for the 2018 tax year and the June 2018 payment was made, you will be automatically re-enrolled.

What do I need to know about **ESCROWED TAXES**?

- Escrow companies must submit their payments by November 30th.
- ⇒ If **your taxes are escrowed**, and your bill was requested by an escrow company, a "Do Not Pay" message will appear in the box at the upper right of your tax bill. You do not need to do anything, this notice is for your records.
- ⇒ If **your taxes are escrowed but a "Do Not Pay" message does NOT appear in the box**, your bill may not have been requested by an escrow company and you should contact them **immediately**.
- ⇒ If **your taxes are not escrowed** but your bill has a "Do Not Pay" message, you can pay your taxes online or make your payment with the bottom portion of your bill.

Do I get a **BILL FOR EACH PROPERTY** I own?

Yes, you should receive a separate tax bill for each property you own. If you did not receive all of your bills, contact our office or print them at www.SarasotaTaxCollector.com.

Is my entire property **TAX PAYMENT DEDUCTIBLE ON MY INCOME TAX RETURN**?

If you itemize your deductions, the non-ad valorem assessments may **not** be deductible on your federal income tax return. You may want to discuss this with a tax professional.



The **South Sarasota Office**,
8484 S. Tamiami Trl., west of Palmer Ranch Plaza, *and*
the **Driver's License Office**,
601 S. Pompano Ave. near the Sarasota fairgrounds
are **closed!**

Visit the New Mid-County Office!

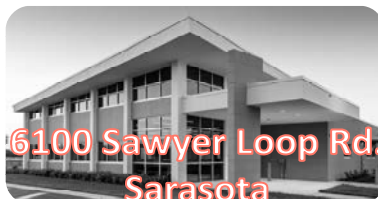
West of I-75, just south of Clark Rd. (Exit 205)

FULL SERVICE LOCATION:

Property, Business & Tourist Taxes;
Drivers' Licenses; Titles & Registrations;
Parking Permits; Hunting/Fishing Licenses

ROAD TESTS AT THIS LOCATION ONLY:

Appointment required,
www.SarasotaTaxCollector.com



**6100 Sawyer Loop Rd.
Sarasota**

Do you Own a Business or Rental Property?

**YOU MAY OWE ADDITIONAL TAXES;
CONTACT US TO LEARN MORE.**

- ⇒ If you own a business which operates in Sarasota County, you are required to pay the **BUSINESS TAX** and may be required to pay the **TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX**.
- ⇒ If you own a rental property with a tenant staying less than one month, you are required to pay the **BUSINESS TAX** and may be required to pay the **TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX**. If the property is available for rent for six months or less, the **TOURIST DEVELOPMENT TAX** must be collected.

GUIDE TO THE 2018 TAX BILL

Your tax bill is a combination of ad valorem taxes collected for taxing authorities and non-ad valorem assessments collected for levying authorities. If you have a question regarding one of the charges on your bill, please contact that authority directly. If you have a question regarding your assessed value or exemptions, contact the Property Appraiser at www.SC-PA.com, PA@SC-PA.com or 941.861.8200. If you have questions regarding the recording of public records, including property deeds, contact the Clerk of Circuit Court at www.SarasotaClerk.com, clkcomme@scgov.net or 941.861.7400.

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NOTICE OF AD VALOREM TAXES AND NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS

Account #:
Unique number identifying your property.

Message:
Special alerts about your bill.

Owner:
The owner and address according to official records.

SAMPLE CUSTOMER
123 MAIN STREET
ANY TOWN, FL 12345-6789

123 MAIN ST
LOT 1 SAMPLE COMMUNITY

Location:
Address or legal description of your property.

AD VALOREM TAXES						
TAXING AUTHORITY	PHONE	MILLAGE RATE	ASSESSED VALUE	EXEMPTION	TAXABLE VALUE	TAXES LEVIED
TOTAL MILLAGE						
TOTAL AD VALOREM TAXES						

NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS			
LEVYING AUTHORITY	PHONE	RATE	AMOUNT
TOTAL NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS - Check deductibility with tax professional.			

COMBINED TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS (see below for amount to pay)

YOUR EXEMPTIONS

Questions about exemptions?
Contact the Property Appraiser
941.861.8200 | PA@SC-PA.com

Pay one amount only (discount already deducted)

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Amount due based on the date paid in the office, at www.SarasotaTaxCollector.com, or postmarked.

Checks payable to Tax Collector Barbara Ford-Coates
U.S. funds only • No postdated checks

Return Portion:
The part of the bill you tear off and return with your payment. Amount you pay is based on the date paid online, in the office or postmarked.

Account #:
Unique number identifying your property.

Owner:
The owner and address according to official records.

Ad Valorem Taxing Authorities:
Responsible for setting millage rates. Taxes are calculated by multiplying the taxable value by the millage rate.

Your Exemptions:
Based on your eligibility. Contact the Property Appraiser with questions.

Amount Due Boxes:
Pay only one amount, based on the date you make your payment. Discounts have been deducted from the amounts shown.

Message:
Special alerts about your bill.

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Location:
Address or legal description of your property.

Taxable Value:
The value of your property, less exemptions. This amount is used to calculate your ad valorem taxes.

Non-Ad Valorem Levying Authorities:
Responsible for setting non-ad valorem assessments. Rate is based on a unit of measure determined by the levying authority.

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RETURN THIS PORTION

Refer to the back side of your bill for important information and payment instructions.