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Dear Taxpayer,

Enclosed is your 2025 property tax bill which is based on values established January 1, 2025. Any change to your property value as a result of events in 2025 will be reflected on next year's bill.

Our property tax dollars pay for many services, including fire & rescue, law enforcement protection, parks, libraries, roads and utilities. **However, your Tax Collector does not decide how much to collect.** Contact information for those who make that decision can be found on your bill.

Below, you will find answers to frequently asked questions. Please read carefully to ensure that you receive any discounts and do not have to pay any penalties. If you have a question that is not answered below, or have a suggestion as to how this office can improve, please let me know.

Sincerely,



Frequently Asked Questions

Do I get a bill for each property I own?

Yes, a separate tax bill is sent for each property. If you did not receive all of your bills, contact us or print one at www.SarasotaTaxCollector.gov.

Who do I ask about exemptions, including homestead?

Contact the Property Appraiser at www.SC-PA.com.

How do I change my mailing address?

Contact the Property Appraiser at www.SC-PA.com to submit the correct address.

How do I add, remove, or change a name on my bill?

For specific details regarding your property, contact the Property Appraiser at www.SC-PA.com.

Do I have to pay the bill if I sold my property?

- ⇒ **Real estate:** you do not owe the tax. You can disregard the bill.
- ⇒ **Tangible personal property:** if you were the owner on January 1, 2025, you owe the tax. If you sold the property before January 1, 2025, please contact us with the new owner's name and address.

Do I have to pay the entire bill if I purchased my property during the year?

Usually, there is a proration between the buyer and seller at closing. On your closing documents, there may be a line 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 real estate closing agent.

What if I can't pay my taxes?

Homestead tax deferral for CURRENT YEAR TAXES ONLY allows Florida residents to delay paying all or part of their taxes if requirements are met concerning income and liens

on the property. The deferred portion becomes a lien and interest accrues until the taxes are paid. An application is available at www.SarasotaTaxCollector.gov or by contacting our office. The application is due by March 31, 2026.

What do I need to know about escrowed taxes?

Escrow companies must submit their payments by November 30th.

- ⇒ **You do not need to do anything if your bill says "Account Escrowed".** This notice is for your records. A message will appear in the box at the upper right of your tax bill.
- ⇒ **If your taxes are escrowed but an "Account Escrowed" message does NOT appear on your bill,** it may not have been requested by an escrow company and you should contact them **immediately to avoid penalties.**
- ⇒ **If your taxes are NOT escrowed** but your bill has an "Account Escrowed" message, you must pay your taxes online, in person, by mail or in a drop box with the bottom portion of your bill.

What is the difference between the partial payment plan and quarterly installment payment plan?

- ⇒ **Partial Payment Plan for CURRENT YEAR TAXES ONLY** allows you to pay your taxes in as many payments as you would like, but the entire amount must be paid in full by March 31, 2026. For details, see the "Application for Partial Payment" on the back of your tax bill.
- ⇒ **Quarterly Installment Payment Plan for NEXT YEAR'S TAXES** allows you to pay your taxes in four payments rather than one. *Unfortunately, you cannot pay the bill you just received in quarterly installments.* For 2026 installments, complete the application at www.SarasotaTaxCollector.gov by April 30, 2026.

2025 Property Tax Bill Sample

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, including the homestead exemption, contact the Property Appraiser at 941.861.8200, PA@SC-PA.com or www.SC-PA.com. If you have questions regarding the recording of public records, including property deeds, contact the Clerk of the Circuit Court at 941.861.7400, clkinfo@SarasotaClerkandComptroller.com or www.SarasotaClerk.com.



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941.861.8300, option 3 | Info@SarasotaTaxCollector.gov
Pay online at www.SarasotaTaxCollector.gov

NOTICE OF AD VALOREM TAXES AND NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS

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SAMPLE CUSTOMER 123 MAIN STREET ANY TOWN FL 12345-6789			123 MAIN ST LOT 1 SAMPLE COMMUNITY

1 - Account

Unique number identifying your property.

2 - Owner & Mailing Address

The owner & mailing address according to official records.

3 - Message

Special alerts about your bill.

4 - Location or Legal Description

Address or legal description of your property.

5 - Exemptions

Based on your eligibility, contact the Property Appraiser with questions.

6 - Taxable Value

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

7 - Ad Valorem Taxing Authorities

Responsible for setting millage rates. Taxes are calculated by multiplying the taxable value by the millage rate.

8 - 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.

9 - Total Taxes

Total of the ad valorem taxes and non-ad valorem assessments. No discounts have been subtracted from this amount.

10 - Amount Due

Pay only one amount. Amount is based on the date postmarked, paid online, or placed in a 24-hour drop box. Discounts have been deducted from these amounts.

11 - Return with Payment

Tear off and return this portion of the bill with your payment.

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

KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS

AD VALOREM TAXES						
TAXING AUTHORITY	PHONE	MILLAGE RATE	ASSESSED VALUE	EXEMPTION	TAXABLE VALUE	TAXES LEVIED
7				5	6	
TOTAL MILLAGE		TOTAL AD VALOREM TAXES				

YOUR EXEMPTIONS	NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS			
5	LEVYING AUTHORITY	PHONE	RATE	AMOUNT
	8			
	TOTAL NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS			
COMBINED TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS (see below for amount to pay)				
Questions about exemptions? Contact the Property Appraiser 941.861.8200 PA@SC-PA.com	9			

Pay one amount only (discount already deducted)	10
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SAMPLE CUSTOMER
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ANY TOWN FL 12345-6789

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Amount due based on the date postmarked, paid at
www.SarasotaTaxCollector.gov, or placed in a drop box.

PAY ONE AMOUNT ONLY!	
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Checks payable to "Tax Collector Mike Moran" must be drawn on a U.S. bank & in U.S. funds. No postdated checks.	

MAIL TO: PO BOX 30332, TAMPA FL 33630-3332

PAYMENT OPTIONS

THERE ARE MANY OPTIONS TO PAY THE BILL



Online by eCheck-no fee or credit/debit card-additional fees charged by processor.



By Mail to PO Box 30332, Tampa, FL 33630-3332 with check payable to "Tax Collector Mike Moran".



In Person by scheduling an appointment at www.sctc.tax/appt.



24-Hour Drop Box at each location with a check & return portion of the tax bill. **Do not place cash in the drop box.**

DO YOU OWN A RENTAL PROPERTY?

**ADDITIONAL TAXES ARE REQUIRED;
CONTACT US TO LEARN MORE.**



If you own a property that is available to rent for six months or less, the **Tourist Development Tax** must be collected.

If you know someone who may not be paying the rental property tax, submit an anonymous referral to our **Tax Tipline** at 941.861.8393 or www.sctc.tax/tipline.