

RESOLUTION #22-02

WAIVE COLLECTION FEES/SENIOR CITIZENS

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alpena County Board of Commissioners waive, through April 30, 2022 the collection fees and interest in excess of those charged prior to February 15, 2022, on the 2021 property taxes currently being collected. This exemption applies only to qualified senior citizens – 62 years or older, paraplegics, eligible servicemen, and eligible veterans, and blind and totally and permanently disabled as defined in the State Income Tax Act who have filed Homestead Property Tax Credit prior to February 15, 2022.

THE GENERAL PROPERTY TAX ACT (EXCERPT)
Act 206 of 1893

211.51 Failure of township treasurer to file bond with county treasurer; failure to appoint treasurer to give bond and deliver receipt; delivery of tax roll and warrant; collection and return of taxes; adding property tax administration fee, late penalty charge, and interest; return of excess amount; powers of county treasurer; persons eligible for deferment of summer property taxes; deferred taxes not subject to penalties or interest; filing and form of intent to defer; duties of treasurer; statement of taxes deferred; levy and collection of summer property taxes by local taxing unit; definitions.

Sec. 51. (1) If a township treasurer does not file his or her bond with the county treasurer as prescribed by law and the township board fails to appoint a treasurer to give the bond and deliver a receipt for the bond to the supervisor by December 10, the supervisor shall deliver the tax roll with the necessary warrant directed to the county treasurer, who shall make the collection and return of taxes. The county treasurer, pursuant to the adoption of a resolution by the county board of commissioners, has the same powers and duties to add a property tax administration fee, a late penalty charge, and interest to all taxes collected as conferred upon a township treasurer under section 44. The excess of the amount of property tax administration fees over the expense to the county in collecting the taxes shall be returned to the township, and the remainder of the property tax administration fees and any late penalty charges imposed shall be credited to the county general fund. For the purpose of collecting the taxes, the county treasurer is vested with all the powers conferred upon the township treasurer and an action may be brought on the county treasurer's bond under the same circumstances as on those of a township treasurer.

(2) A local tax collecting unit that collects a summer property tax shall defer the collection of summer property taxes against the following property for which a deferment is claimed until the following February 15:

(a) The principal residence of a taxpayer who meets both of the following conditions:

(i) Meets 1 or more of the following conditions:

(A) Is a totally and permanently disabled person, blind person, paraplegic, quadriplegic, eligible serviceperson, eligible veteran, or eligible widow or widower, as these persons are defined in chapter 9 of the income tax act of 1967, 1967 PA 281, MCL 206.501 to 206.532.

(B) Is 62 years of age or older, including the unremarried surviving spouse of a person who was 62 years of age or older at the time of death.

(ii) For the prior taxable year had a total household income of the following:

(A) For taxes levied before January 1, 2005, \$25,000.00, or less.

(B) For taxes levied after December 31, 2004 and before January 1, 2006, \$35,000.00, or less.

(C) For taxes levied after December 31, 2005 and before January 1, 2007, \$37,500.00, or less.

(D) For taxes levied after December 31, 2006, \$40,000.00, or less.

(b) Property classified or used as agricultural real property if the gross receipts of the agricultural or horticultural operations in the previous year or the average gross receipts of the operations in the previous 3 years are not less than the household income of the owner in the previous year or the combined household incomes in the previous year of the individual members of a limited liability company or partners of a partnership that owns the agricultural real property. A limited liability company or partnership may claim the deferment under this section only if the individual members of the limited liability company or partners of the partnership qualified for the deferment under this section before the individual members or partners formed the limited liability company or partnership.

(3) A taxpayer may claim a deferment provided by subsection (2) by filing with the treasurer of the local property tax collecting unit an intent to defer the summer property taxes that are due and payable in that year without penalty or interest. Taxes deferred under subsection (2) that are not paid by the following February 15 are not subject to penalties or interest for the period of deferment.

(4) The intent statement required by subsection (3) shall be on a form prescribed and provided by the department of treasury to the treasurer of the local property tax collecting unit.

(5) The treasurer of the local property tax collecting unit that collects a summer property tax shall do the following:

(a) Cause a notice of the availability of the deferment to be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the local property tax collecting unit or to be included as an insertion with the tax bill.

(b) Assist persons in completing the deferment form.

(6) If a local property tax collecting unit that collects a summer property tax also collects a winter property

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211.59 Payment of taxes on property returned as delinquent; interest and county property tax administration fee; allocation and distribution of taxes and interest; additional charge as lien on property; crediting expense charge to land reutilization fund and to general fund; reimbursement of state and county; disposition and use of county property tax administration fee; claim by certain persons for credit on taxes paid for principal property; indicating fee on delinquent tax roll; disposition and use of fees.

Sec. 59. (1) A person may pay the taxes, any 1 of the taxes, a portion of the taxes specified by resolution of the county board of commissioners, or if a specification is not made by a resolution of the county board of commissioners, a portion of the taxes approved by the county treasurer on a parcel or description of property returned as delinquent, or on an undivided share of a parcel or description of property returned as delinquent. For taxes levied on real property before January 1, 1999 and for taxes levied on personal property, the amount paid under this subsection shall include interest computed from the March 1 after the taxes were assessed at the rate of 1% per month or fraction of a month, except as provided in section 89, and 4% of the delinquent taxes as a county property tax administration fee that shall be a minimum of \$1.00 per payment of delinquent taxes, except as provided in section 89. Payment under this subsection shall be made to the county treasurer of the county in which the property is forfeited to a county treasurer pursuant to section 78g. The county treasurer and the treasurer for the local tax collecting unit shall allocate and distribute the taxes and interest paid proportionately among the county or local tax collecting unit funds and the property tax administration fee returned as delinquent under section 44(6) to the treasurer of the local tax collecting unit who transmitted the taxes returned as delinquent. For taxes levied before January 1, 1999, on all descriptions of property with unpaid taxes on the October 1 before the time prescribed for the sale of a tax lien on the property, an additional \$10.00 shall be charged for expenses, which shall be a lien on the property. If collected, before January 1, 2006, \$5.00 of this expense charge shall be credited to a restricted revenue fund of this state, to be known as the delinquent property tax administration fund, and after December 31, 2005 \$5.00 of this expense charge shall be deposited in the land reutilization fund created in section 78n, to reimburse this state for the cost of publishing the lists of property and other expenses, and \$5.00 shall belong to the general fund of the county to reimburse the county for the expense incurred in preparing the list of delinquent property for sale or forfeiture.

(2) For taxes levied before January 1, 1999, the property tax administration fee paid to the county treasurer shall be credited to the general fund of the county and the property tax administration fee paid to the state treasurer shall be credited to the land reutilization fund created in section 78n. Amounts credited to the general fund of the county shall be used only for the purposes specified in subsection (6).

(3) For taxes levied before January 1, 1999, and for taxes levied after December 31, 1998, a county board of commissioners, by resolution, may provide all of the following for taxes paid before May 1 in the first year of delinquency for the principal residence of a senior citizen, paraplegic, hemiplegic, quadriplegic, eligible serviceman, eligible veteran, eligible widow, totally and permanently disabled person, or blind person, as those persons are defined in chapter 9 of the income tax act of 1967, 1967 PA 281, MCL 206.501 to 206.532, if either a claim is made before February 15 for the credit provided by chapter 9 of the income tax act of 1967, 1967 PA 281, MCL 206.501 to 206.532, if that claimant presents a copy of the form filed for that credit to the county treasurer, and if that claimant has not received the credit before March 1; or if a claim was made in the immediately preceding tax year for the credit provided by chapter 9 of the income tax act of 1967, 1967 PA 281, MCL 206.501 to 206.532, and if that claimant resides at the same principal residence as claimed in the immediately preceding tax year:

(a) Any interest, fee, or penalty in excess of the interest, fee, or penalty that would have been added if the tax had been paid before February 15 is waived.

(b) Interest paid under subsection (1) or section 89(1)(a) is waived unless the interest is pledged to the repayment of delinquent tax revolving fund notes or payable to the county delinquent tax revolving fund, in which case the interest shall be refunded from the general fund of the county.

(c) The county property tax administration fee is waived.

(4) The treasurer of the local tax collecting unit shall indicate on the delinquent tax roll if a 1% property tax administration fee was added to taxes collected before February 15.

(5) The fees authorized and collected under this section and credited to the delinquent property tax administration fund shall be used by the department of treasury to pay expenses incurred in the administration of this act.