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**MEISNER: NO ONE WILL LOSE PROPERTY TO
TAX FORECLOSURE DUE TO CORONAVIRUS**
Treasurer's office amending policies to assist during crisis

Pontiac, Michigan – Oakland County Treasurer Andy Meisner is issuing a pledge today that no one in Oakland County will lose their property to tax foreclosure because of circumstances related to Coronavirus, including taxpayers who contract the virus, are required to self-quarantine or anyone facing circumstances related to the virus and its broad impact. This is in addition to Meisner's broader efforts to help families save their homes from tax foreclosure under any circumstance.

"My pledge today is that no one in Oakland County will lose their property to tax foreclosure because of circumstances stemming from the Coronavirus public health emergency," said Oakland County Treasurer Andy Meisner. **"I want everyone in Oakland County to focus their attention on staying healthy and preventing the spread of the virus, not on whether or not they could lose their property. The Treasurer's Office has your back."**

The Treasurer's Office is adapting to the changing needs of taxpayers in a number of ways to ensure that no one loses their property to foreclosure. The following are several examples of changes made to date, other options are also under active consideration.

Examples of what the Oakland County Treasurer's Office is doing:

- Anyone with a hardship associated with Coronavirus will not face foreclosure this year and their property will be pulled from the tax foreclosure process. This includes people unable to visit County offices to make a payment or to meet with the Treasurer's team for a Taxpayer Assistance Meeting to work out a repayment schedule.
- If taxpayers are prevented from visiting county offices due to quarantine, illness, or other disruptions, including lack of sufficient transportation or childcare, the County Treasurer will accept tax payments by credit card or check online at www.oakgov.com/treasurer.
- In addition to the online payment option and to encourage social distancing, if the Treasurer's Office and County courthouse campus are closed to the public, the Treasurer has an outside drop box for tax payments that will be checked regularly.

- If full payment is not an option for the taxpayer, the County Treasurer will offer repayment schedules or payment plans. Usually negotiated in friendly, face-to-face meetings in Pontiac, Treasurer Meisner and his deputies will now perform Taxpayer Assistance Meetings by telephone at (248) 858-0611.
- The Treasurer will approve automatic repayment schedule renewals to property owners who are 50% or more compliant paying old payment plans.
- The Treasurer will waive the processing fee to produce 2019 delinquent tax statements.
- Treasurer Meisner and his deputies have performed cross-training to accommodate anticipated work shortages, so there will not be a disruption in service.

“Our fight to prevent foreclosure includes and extends beyond those impacted by Coronavirus. Given the challenges this pandemic will cause, I will not allow an Oakland County property owner to lose their home.”

Andy Meisner is the Treasurer of Oakland County. He can be reached at 248-858-0611 or meisnera@oakgov.com with questions regarding his foreclosure prevention programs or the developing strategies related to public health.

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