



YELLOW MEDICINE COUNTY MAY 15 PROPERTY TAX DUE DATE HARDSHIP PENALTY WAIVER INITIATIVE

With historic unemployment expected in the short-term, and numerous businesses ordered to close or modify operations due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Yellow Medicine County Commissioners agree that there is a need to provide a form of relief to individual taxpayers experiencing layoffs and businesses that were ordered to close, while also recognizing the need to keep our county, cities, townships and schools operational and providing vital services within our communities.

The Yellow Medicine County Board is offering a penalty waiver for the May 15 property tax due date until July 15, 2020 for those qualifying homeowners of homesteaded residential property where a primary wage earner has been laid off from work, and a commercial property where a business was forced to close by Executive Order of the Governor related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Qualifying taxpayers will need to submit an application to the Yellow Medicine County Property and Public Services Department to be reviewed and submitted for County Board approval at the next available meeting. Forms should be submitted no later than June 30, 2020 to be considered for penalty waiver.

Applications will include basic contact information and the property identification numbers of the parcels that should be considered for the penalty waiver. Also to be included on the form is a section for selecting the qualifying waiver reason and space to briefly describe the situation with the name of either the employer or business affected to be included.

Delinquency in prior tax years will not disqualify you for being considered for the May 15 due date penalty waiver. If approved for the penalty waiver, it does not affect the penalty or interest currently accrued on the delinquent balances.

The penalty waiver only applies to those property taxes paid by July 15, 2020.

Application for penalty waiver does not guarantee approval. All penalty waiver decisions are at the sole discretion of the County Board.