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### **First Half 2023 Real Estate Tax Collection Certified**

HAMILTON, Ohio – After a year of working to inform taxpayers of state mandated increases in real estate taxes, the Butler County Treasurer’s office has certified its first half 2023 collections. Butler County collected \$356,372,377.68 in property taxes for the billing of first half 2023 real estate taxes. This is an increase of 8.92% compared to last tax year’s first half collection.

Of the taxes collected, \$24,427,300.68 represents taxes paid in advance towards second half collections. Another \$15,785,885.69 represents delinquent taxes paid. The total first half real estate tax charge for 2023 was \$332,731,384.86 of which \$316,159,191.31 was collected.

County Treasurer Michael McNamara said, “Despite the sharp increase in real estate values that have led to this increase in taxes, our office has been successful in collecting the revenues necessary for our local governments, schools, parks, libraries, children services, senior services and many other entities that rely on these funds.”

The increase in collections is partly due to the state-mandated 2023 property reassessment. All of Butler County’s 160,000 parcels were reassessed last year and the median property value increase for Butler County was 37 percent. Value increases varied by individual district.

“We have been working with our County Commissioners, County Auditor and all of our countywide officials and local legislators to inform the public of what is happening, and what they can do about it,” continued McNamara. “We have been working nonstop with our legislators to find a long term fix to Ohio’s high tax issues. But real change will only come from the legislature in Columbus.”

The Ohio Tax Commissioner originally recommended a 42 percent average value increase. Based on the recommendations from the state, the Butler County Auditor’s office protested the recommended tax rates and presented median residential value increases for Butler County and each of the local political subdivisions.

The amounts billed would have been higher throughout Butler County, but the County Commissioners voted to forego their 2024 windfall and return it to the taxpayers. The communities of Middletown, West Chester, Liberty, Fairfield Township and Seven Mile followed suit by foregoing their local windfalls in favor of taxpayers.

The Butler County Treasurer's Office has made it a priority to be communicative and transparent about the increases facing property values. A new communication initiative has been launched over the past year with a new Facebook page and YouTube channel. Informative video content has been a big focus of this initiative and will continue to be in the future.

A 10 percent penalty has now been added to past due first half taxes. It's possible to fill out a Remission of Penalty (ROP) Form to waive the penalty. For taxpayers who want more information on their property taxes, how to read their bill, what they can do, and other questions, the Butler County Treasurer's website and Facebook page have more information.

For taxpayers who feel that their property value is inflated, they have until April 1, 2024 to file a Board of Revision complaint with the County Auditor. Complaint forms can be found on the Butler County Auditor's website at [www.butlercountyauditor.org](http://www.butlercountyauditor.org).

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**About the Butler County Treasurer's Office:**

The Butler County Treasurer serves as the administrator of tax collections and is the chief investor of local funds for Butler County. The money collected from real estate taxes helps fund local schools and social service agencies, cities, townships, and the county. Real estate taxes are collected twice a year. The first half due date is typically in mid to late February and the second half due date is usually in early August.

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