Summer Property Tax Information & Due Dates

Summer tax bills are due and payable on July 1 and must be received by September 14. Late payments are charged 1% interest the first day late and then the first of each month thereafter until the tax is paid. Any tax amount not paid by February 14 is assessed a 3% penalty. Postmarks will be accepted if received within seven days of the September 14 and February 14 dates. February 28 is the last day that current year taxes for real property can be paid to Schoolcraft Township. POSTMARKS ARE NOT ACCEPTED FOR THE FEBRUARY 28 DATE THEREFORE ALL PAYMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY FEBRUARY 28. On March 1 delinquent real property taxes are transferred to the Kalamazoo County Treasurer. If any due date falls on a weekend or Federal holiday, taxes are due the next business day. Below is a list of millages that appear on summer tax bills in Schoolcraft Township along with a short explanation of each. Taxes are distributed to the taxing entities according to MCL 211.43(3)(a).

SET (State Education Tax) - Established by the State Education Tax Act (Act 331) of 1993, this is added to the state school aid fund.

COUNTY OPERATING – This county-wide millage for general operating activities was approved by voters in 1966.

SCHOOL OPERATING – Levied by local school districts on properties without a principal residence exemption (PRE), this was established by the Revised School Code Act (Act 451) of 1976. It is levied in the summer by *Vicksburg Public Schools* for general operating activities (expires 12/31/2027).

SCHOOL DEBT – This is a total of two school bond millages for *Vicksburg Public Schools*, approved by voters in 2014 (expires 12/31/2027) and 2020 (expires in 2039).

KRESA (Kalamazoo Regional Educational Service Agency/ISD) - Levied in the summer for residents in *Vicksburg* school district, this is actually six voter approved millage rates combined into one: the general education millage of 1965, special education millage of 1969, special education millage of 1987, special education millage of 2021 (expires 12/31/2026), regional enhancement millage renewed in 2023 (expires 12/31/2028) and career tech millage of 2019 (expires 12/31/2039).

Please note that by law, as stated on the assessor's warrant, tax payments cannot be accepted before July 1. Also remember that MCL 211.44 (2) states that failure to receive a tax bill does not preclude a taxpayer from paying the levied property taxes. Tax bills are sent to the last known address on file on the date the tax bills are printed.