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# STATE OF INDIANA

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**TO: County Treasurers, Software Providers, and Print Vendors**

**FROM: Wes Bennett, Commissioner**

**RE: Treasurer's Tax Statement (TS-1) for 2022**

**DATE: December 20, 2021**

Under Ind. Code § 6-1.1-22-8.1, the Department of Local Government Finance (“Department”) is required to prescribe the treasurer’s property tax comparison statement, more commonly referred to as the property tax bill or “TS-1.”

Under the statute, the TS-1 is required to contain important information about a taxpayer’s current and historical tax liability. The form is designed to supply taxpayers with basic information about their assessed value, gross tax rate, deductions, and related information for the current and prior years. This form also contains information included in the Notice of Assessment, also known as the Form 11 notice. The Department also considers the remittance coupon page part of the TS-1 information.

As explained below, counties must use the boilerplate language prescribed in this TS-1 packet. Although the TS-1 is designed to accommodate certain local variations such as treasurer office hours and payment location information, the underlying boilerplate is to be used as-is. Only those portions of the TS-1 marked as “space reserved for county-specific information” or “county specific information” may be altered by the county. Vendors should ensure that the TS-1 they are using reflect the attached TS-1 for 2021 Pay 2022. The Department will review each county’s TS-1. **All counties are required to submit their TS-1 to the Department prior to the printing/posting of tax bills. Copies are to be submitted to Jenny Banks at [jbanks@dlgf.in.gov](mailto:jbanks@dlgf.in.gov). Please allow 10 business days for review of the templates.**

**County treasurers are ultimately responsible for ensuring that they use the correct TS-1. If the Department is notified of or becomes aware of forms or coupon pages that are not in compliance with the requirements as set forth in the attached documents, the Department may declare tax bills invalid and require new tax bills to be created at the county’s expense.**

## **2022 Payment Due Dates**

The Department emphasizes that the 2021 Pay 2022 installment due dates are May 10, 2022, and November 10, 2022, respectively.

## Online Tax Statements

It is the responsibility of the county treasurer to ensure that online tax statements are identical to the TS-1 mailed template. Similar to the mailed tax statements, online tax statements must be in compliance with the requirements as set forth in the attached documents.

## Changes

The Department has attached a copy of the 2020 Pay 2021 TS-1 that includes the hand-made revisions for 2021 Pay 2022. The Department is providing this document so that vendors can more easily identify the changes. The revisions are all technical in nature with the exception of the remittance coupon, which is discussed in more detail below; there are no new fields or data points.

## Tax Statement Formatting

The TS-1 is to be printed on white paper. The attached document has been prepared in standard (8.5x11) format.

The TS-1 is to be printed in black ink or with the designated colors and black ink.

State-approved calculation methods for all of the fields in the document are included with the document format.

## Remittance Coupons

Before finalizing the draft of the 2021 Pay 2022 TS-1 packet, the Department again worked with several county treasurers to create a unified TS-1 Statement and Remittance Coupon. The attached unified coupon page contains a few new changes, and the Department would encourage all counties to notify the vendors they work with on the printing, billing, and collection process. Below is a summary of the primary changes made to the Remittance Coupon template:

- (1) **Payment Information:** Coupons have been modified to include both a website and/or a telephone number for tax bill payments.
- (2) **21 Pay 22 Total:** On the bottom third portion of the coupon page, a “Total Due for 21 Pay 22” field has been added.
- (3) **Organization:** The itemized charges on the bottom third portion of the coupon page have been reorganized.
- (4) **Payment Received:** On the bottom third portion of the coupon page, a “Payment Received” field has been added.

Again, the underlying boilerplate language is not to be altered, and only those sections marked “space reserved for county-specific information” or “county specific information” may be altered by the county.











## **Watermark/Information for Taxpayers with Escrow Payments**

Similar to the 2020 Pay 2021 TS-1 Coupon Page, counties have the option of including either “For Informational Purposes Only” or “In Escrow” as a watermark for those taxpayers that have property tax payments that are made from their respective financial institutions. In an effort to avoid having taxpayers submit property tax payments in addition to the payments that will be made by their respective financial institutions, counties may also include a cover letter with tax bills further instructing taxpayers with payments in escrow that the tax bills have been sent to them to ensure that they have a copy and clarifying that no additional payments are necessary.

For questions about the TS-1, please contact Jenny Banks at (317) 234-4376 or [jbanks@dlgf.in.gov](mailto:jbanks@dlgf.in.gov).