



# DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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## **Can I Prepay My Property Taxes?** **The short answer is, “No.”**

ROSEBURG, Ore – Douglas County Residents may be wanting to pre-pay their property taxes, however per Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR 150-311-0260), **no prepayment of property tax is allowed until the taxes have been certified**, unless authorized by law. A change to the statutes to allow prepayment would have to be done through the Oregon State Legislature, not individual counties.

There are few specific situations that allow taxpayers to prepay their property taxes per ORS 311.370. Generally they relate to changes in the property triggering an early payment: subdividing property, moving manufactured structures, paying omitted tax, terminating a special assessment, etc. Residents wishing to prepay for convenience or income tax purposes **is not valid**.

In compliance with the Administrative Rules and Oregon Revised Statutes, noncompliant prepayments that are received by the Douglas County Tax Office will be treated as an overpayment, and refunded to the taxpayer. In 2017, the department mailed out 78,000 property tax statements.

For additional questions or concerns, please contact the Douglas County Tax Office at (541) 440-4253.

### **About [Douglas County](#)**

Douglas County Government employs approximately 800 full- and part-time employees in a wide variety of jobs. The Board of Commissioners, consisting of three full-time members, is the county’s governing body. They provide a direct link between the citizens of Douglas County and their county government. The Board of Commissioners is responsible for: approving ordinances (county laws); adopting the county budget; setting standards for the use of county property; appointing non-elected officials to boards, commissions, and committees; and oversees all operations of the county.

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