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## Rankey Announces Second-Half Property Tax Numbers, Calls for Property Tax Rollback

**DELAWARE, Ohio (Aug. 23, 2022)** – Delaware County Treasurer Donald E. Rankey Jr. today announced the results of the second-half property tax collection.

Second-half taxes were due at the Treasurer’s Office July 11.

Of the county’s 89,662 parcels with second-half property taxes due, 84,871 parcels – 95 percent – were paid on time. There were 4,791 parcels that did not meet the second-half deadline.

- Property taxes collected for the second half totaled \$353.3 million.
- The total collected this year exceeded \$668 million.
- There were 7,989 parcels that were paid in full in February.
- Delinquent property taxes this year totaled more than \$12.5 million.

“Only 4,791 parcels were delinquent, and that is only five percent of the county’s parcels,” Rankey said. “For a county our size, that is an excellent percentage, even though the delinquency increased from three to five percent for the second half of this year. Frankly, it still shows you that property owners in Delaware County take this responsibility seriously. They understand and appreciate the fact that property taxes pay for the vast majority of operations and capital projects for our schools, townships and municipalities.”

Rankey said the Treasurer’s Office is continuing to work on projects that will reduce the cost of online property tax payments and provide additional locations to accept payments in 2023.

The first-half taxes in 2023 will be due on February 10.

Property owners who are delinquent on their taxes are urged to contact the Treasurer's Office at 740.833.2900 or click on the Pay My Taxes icon of the Treasurer's website at <https://treasurer.co.delaware.oh.us>.

Rankey said he remains an advocate of reducing property taxes on Delaware County residents.

"I believe we should revive the property tax rollback that has been used in the past to provide tax relief to our Delaware County residents and businesses," Rankey said. "I strongly encourage the Delaware County Commissioners to continue moving through the process to reduce the heavy property tax burden faced by property owners in Delaware County and deliver the needed tax relief."

Donald E. Rankey Jr. was elected Delaware County treasurer in November 2020. He is the county's chief investment officer and responsible for collecting more than \$668 million in annual property taxes on more than 92,860 parcels. His office also oversees an investment portfolio in excess of \$325 million.

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