

SECOND INSTALLMENT TAX BILLS
TO BE MAILED AT LEAST ONE MONTH LATE

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For the last nine years, Cook County's second installment property tax bills have been sent on time, with tax bills hitting mailboxes in late June and due around August 1. In 2021, however, the nine-year streak of on-time tax bills in Cook County is at an end this year. It is more likely that second installment tax bills this year will be due on September 1.

There are a number of steps that must take place before second installment tax bills can be calculated and mailed, the most important of which is that all Cook County tax appeals must be resolved. Once the appeals are resolved, it typically takes state and county agencies about two months to do all the calculations and printing necessary to mail out bills.

Last year, the final tax appeals were resolved on May 5, and tax bills were mailed around July 1. This year, however, pandemic-related issues slowed the processing of appeals, with the result that the current year's appeals were not resolved until June 14.

If the agencies that calculate and print tax bills can expedite their work faster than they did last year, then tax bills will be mailed at the end of July and will be due September 1. But there is no guarantee that they will be able to finish their work so quickly. If the agencies take the typical processing time of about two months to complete their work, then the due date for second installment tax bills will be after September 1.

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