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Montgomery County Cannot Accept Prepayment of Real Estate Taxes

Norristown, PA (Dec. 28, 2017)—Montgomery County has been receiving numerous inquiries from individuals seeking to prepay real estate taxes for 2018. Under Pennsylvania law, Montgomery County tax collectors are not permitted to accept prepayment for these taxes.

“The county understands that our residents are concerned by the recent changes in the tax bill, and our staff is working hard to understand how those changes impact our taxpayers,” said Jason E. Salus, Montgomery County Treasurer. “However, given existing state law, it is not possible for Montgomery County residents to prepay their 2018 property tax.”

In light of a Dec. 27 advisory from the IRS, Montgomery County residents would not get the benefit of deducting property taxes, even if paid before the new year. Taxpayers are not eligible for the deductions until the tax bill has been issued with an updated assessment. See the [complete IRS advisory here](#).

While several neighboring counties have been able to accept prepaid property taxes, it is because they are governed by Home Rule charters and, in some cases, have already issued tax assessments. Montgomery County, as well as Bucks, Chester, and other counties not governed by Home Rule must work within the confines of the tax collection requirements imposed by the Commonwealth.