



# BAY COUNTY TREASURER

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## PRESS RELEASE

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FROM: SHAWNA S. WALRAVEN, BAY COUNTY TREASURER

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RE: PROPERTY TAX FORECLOSURE EXTENSION

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Today Governor Whitmer issued Executive Order 2020-14 extending the foreclosure deadline for the nonpayment of property taxes because of closures or limited access to county buildings due to COVID-19. Bay County Treasurer Shawna Walraven would have previously foreclosed on March 31, 2020 but the Order extends the deadline to May 29, 2020 or 30 days after the termination of the state of emergency, whichever is later.

Taxpayers facing foreclosure are encouraged to call the Bay County Treasurer's Office to make a payment or to apply for the Treasurer's Hardship Program. There are currently 177 parcels of property in jeopardy of foreclosure for the nonpayment of 2017 and prior year's property taxes.

"This comes as a huge relief for taxpayers in these uncertain times. I believe my mandate is to help homeowners stay in their homes. When dealing with a crisis such as this, people need to focus on staying healthy and safe and not worry about a foreclosure deadline," Walraven said.

Payments may be made by mail, over the phone, on the website, or placed in the drop box at the Madison Ave. entrance of 515 Center Ave., Bay City, MI 48708. The Bay County Treasurer's Office can be reached at (989) 895-4285 or [www.baycounty-mi.gov/Treasurer](http://www.baycounty-mi.gov/Treasurer)

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