



Loudoun County Treasurer Issues Press Release on Tax Prepayments

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My office has received questions regarding tax prepayments. As such, I wanted to share this Press Release issued yesterday by the Loudoun County Treasurer's Office:

The Treasurer's Office has obtained a legal opinion from the Office of the County Attorney stating that refunds of "voluntary" payments for taxes are not refundable. The Treasurer's Office will not refund payments made for the 2018 tax year. However, some taxpayers made multiple year tax payments and any payments made for 2019 and beyond will be treated as overpayments and will be returned to those taxpayers if they make a written request.

"We will return the overpayments once the levy has been determined by the Board of Supervisors which is typically done by mid-April," said Loudoun County Treasurer Roger Zurn. "Taxpayers who wish to have the overpayments sent back should send an email stating their desire for their overpayment for future years to be returned along with their name and account number to this [email](#) by no later than March 31, 2018. We anticipate having the money returned to those requesting it by the end of May."

Between Wednesday, December 27 and Friday, December 29, 2017, Loudoun County had 2,298 taxpayers pre-pay a total of \$11,209,800. The Internal Revenue Service issued guidance last week that unless the taxes were assessed prior to December 31, 2017, these payments may not be deductible.

Zurn said, "This is not the final word, however, as there appears to be a movement within Congress to bring a little more specificity to this guidance and thus this situation is still fluid. Taxpayers will want to consult with their tax professional for any clarification concerning what may arise."

Zurn added that with the passage of the new federal tax bill, there was much confusion as to the pre-payment of taxes. "Just as most taxpayers, we were reacting to the late passage of the bill and the uncertainties that arose," he said. "By Virginia Code, local governments must accept pre-payment. Taxpayers may rest assured that the monies have been properly accounted for and posted to the proper accounts. We regret any issues that may have arisen from these uncertainties."

For more information, please contact the Treasurer's Office at 703-777-0280 or via [email](#).

All my best,



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