



GRACE PERIOD INFORMATION FOR BUSINESS AND PROPERTY OWNERS THAT OWE DELINQUENT PROPERTY OR PERSONAL TAXES

At the City Commission meeting on Monday, March 8, 2021, the City of Douglas Mayor and Commission approved an extended grace period for business owners and/or property owners to pay delinquent personal and property taxes owed to the City, County, and School Board. The grace period will be now through February 28, 2022.

WHAT DOES THIS EXTENSION MEAN FOR BUSINESS AND PROPERTY OWNERS?

This extension will allow more time to pay debt owed for personal/property taxes. However, the extension of time by the City of Douglas, does not alter any collections, sales, or plans by the Coffee County Commission.

DO BUSINESSES STILL HAVE TO PURCHASE OR RENEW A BUSINESS LICENSE PRIOR TO JUNE 1, 2021?

YES, all businesses operating in the City of Douglas, whether they owe back taxes or not, need to pay their 2021 license fee on or before May 31, 2021. Each year, business licenses expire on December 31st. The normal renewal period is November 1 through February 28, to avoid a 10% penalty, which begins on March 1.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

City staff will issue provisional occupational tax certificate (business license) for the individuals or businesses provided the business/property owner signs an agreement with terms outlined by the City of Douglas.

If, after signing the agreement, a business or property owner does not bring their tax delinquency current on or before February 28, 2022; effective March 1, 2022, the business or property owner will be charged a 10% penalty. The business owner/property owner may also face a fine not to exceed \$1,000.00 per day, if found to be operating without an occupational tax license from the City of Douglas.





WHERE DO WE GO TO PAY DELINQUENT PROPERTY OR PERSONAL TAX?

To settle delinquent taxes, the business owner or property owner will need to visit the Tax Commissioner's Office at the Coffee County Courthouse.

WHAT IS THE DEADLINE OF THE GRACE PERIOD?

Delinquent personal and property taxes, must be paid on or before February 28, 2022, to avoid a 10% penalty, which will begin on March 1, 2022.

 City of Douglas, GA <small>P.O. Box 470 Douglas, GA 31534</small> Occupational Tax Certificate	EXPIRATION DATE 12/31/2021	
	100 Main Street <small>LOCATION OF BUSINESS</small>	DATE ISSUED 1/01/2021
<small>This license is to be displayed conspicuously at the location of business, and is not transferable or assignable.</small>	LICENSE FOR GENERAL BUSINESS	
Douglas Business 100 Main Street DOUGLAS GA 31533	<small>This license is issued pursuant to the provisions of all ordinances of the City of Douglas and amendments thereto.</small>  <small>AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE</small>	

To pay business license fees, customers should go to the Community Development Department – Code Enforcement office which is located at the Ashley-Slater House, 211 S. Gaskin Avenue. For more information concerning renewal of business licenses or operating a business within the City of Douglas, please call the Code Enforcement Division, (912)389-3460 or email City Marshal Rodger Goddard, rgoddard@cityofdouglas.com.