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Online payments for current year real estate taxes are being implemented in phases. The initial phase of the implementation has been completed for the City of Reading (Districts 01-19). We anticipate having more districts online before the end of the year.

Payments for outstanding annual and interim real estate tax bills for the City of Reading can be made online via credit/debit card. All outstanding tax bills issued within the calendar year will be combined into one payment. The bill(s) must be paid in full; no partial payments are permitted. The option to select and pay only one bill (if more than one bill is outstanding) is not available. This online option is for Real Estate taxes only. Delinquent taxes, school taxes, and any other taxes (such as per capita) are not paid through this site.

If choosing this option to pay outstanding current year real estate taxes, a service fee will be applied by the vendor for all payments processed. These fees are not collected by the County or any associated municipality. The service fee is calculated when the credit card type is selected during the payment process. The associated fee will display in the Service Fee field on the screen and the total will be adjusted accordingly. After the total has been updated, if the taxpayer chooses to continue with the online payment, they will enter their payment information and complete the payment process.

Parcels can be searched to see if there are outstanding annual or interim tax bills. When searching a parcel, the system will display a listing of the outstanding bill(s) and the current amount due. The tax amount due reflects the current period of collection (discount, face, or penalty). Copies of the bills are not provided. If a copy of a bill is requested, please contact the appropriate tax collector. If a bill has been paid, the system will respond with a note indicating the bill has been paid and no data will be displayed. This search should not be used as a replacement for certifications of taxes paid as payment information is not displayed or provided. Certification of Taxes Paid should still be requested from the appropriate tax collector.

Access to the online option for tax payments can be found on the Berks County website in the Treasurer section under Government. The link is also accessible via the City of Reading website.

Questions regarding the online payment option for the City of Reading should be directed to the Berks County Treasurer’s Office.