

PRESS RELEASE:

Foreclosure Deadline Extended

Grand Traverse County, Treasurer Heidi Scheppe remains committed to ensuring no homeowners in Grand Traverse County will lose their property to tax foreclosure because of circumstances related to COVID-19, and is taking steps to offer additional support to homeowners to avoid foreclosure such as an extended date to pay, online payment options, answering phones Monday- Friday 8am-5pm, and a drop box available for payment drop off at the Governmental Center 24/7.

Taxes from 2017 and prior year's deadline have been extended to May 29th, 2020 or 30 days after the Governors emergency order expires to avoid foreclosure. Currently there are 49 parcels in Grand Traverse County at risk of foreclosure, 16 of them are owner occupied and 10 of them are rentals. Anyone facing tax foreclosure is urged to contact the Grand Traverse County Treasurer immediately so arrangements can be made.

"We are very grateful that Governor Whitmer issue executive order 2020-14 extending the tax foreclosure deadline to May, 29th, 2020. A crisis like the one we are facing requires all hands on deck at every level of government to ensure a comprehensive response. As County Treasurer, my number one goal is preventing foreclosure and keeping families in their homes. If you or someone you love is facing delinquent property tax bills please know that help is available. Tax foreclosure is preventable but it starts with making a plan."

For the most current information and more details on ways to make payments please visit [www.grandtraverse.org /650/Treasurers-Office](http://www.grandtraverse.org/650/Treasurers-Office), the Treasurer's Office is available to answer questions via phone at (231) 922-4735 Monday-Friday 8am-5pm or by email at treasurer@grandtraverse.org.

*Grand Traverse County Government facilities are closed to the public until further notice in accordance with the Governor's declaration.