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Spreading the word about Milwaukee's Pay at the Bank Program for City Taxes

*Joint news conference Wednesday will feature Alderman Jim Bohl and City Treasurer
Spencer Coggs at a northwest side US Bank location*

Alderman Jim Bohl and City Treasurer Spencer Coggs certainly don't mind seeing taxpayers visiting City Hall during the tax bill paying period prior to January 1, but they also want the public to be aware of a new program that can likely save many from making the trip to 200 E. Wells St. during what is typically a very busy – and sometimes very crowded – time.

At 9:15 a.m. on Wednesday, December 18 Alderman Bohl and City Treasurer Coggs will hold a **joint news conference** to trumpet how simple, quick, and easy the new Pay at the Bank Program is for paying City property taxes. The City Treasurer's Office implemented the Program under a contract with US Bank. The news conference will take place at the **US Bank location at 9921 W. Capitol Dr.** in the 5th Aldermanic District.

The Pay at the Bank Program enables property tax payments at 13 US Bank branch locations across Milwaukee – an arrangement that enables the city to reduce staffing costs while increasing convenience for city taxpayers. **One does not need to be a customer of US Bank to participate in this program.**

Taxpayers can make their tax payments at a US Bank branch either by cash or check. Taxpayers will need to bring their entire tax bill with them to the bank, **including the scanable return remittance coupon attached at the bottom of the bill**, when making their tax payment at a US Bank branch. All tax payment checks should be made payable to the *City of Milwaukee*. US Bank tellers will stamp a payment acknowledgement on the top part of the tax bills when a tax payment is made. The City Treasurer's Office will then mail out official tax payment receipts for all bank branch payments within five working days of payment processing.

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Taxpayers should note that the bank branches will not issue tax refunds, nor will they accept payments on prior year delinquent tax accounts. If a taxpayer's property tax escrow check exceeds the amount due and a payment is made at a US Bank branch, a refund will be mailed out by the City Treasurer's Office with an official tax receipt within ten calendar days of payment processing.

The recommendation of implementing the "pay at the bank" program was included in **Alderman Bohl's** "City of Milwaukee Office of the City Treasurer: A Policy Plan for Reform" white paper released in the fall of 2011. City Treasurer Spencer Coggs put the program in place last year, his first year in office.

According to the Treasurer's Office, the following US Bank branches will accept City of Milwaukee property tax payments on 2013 tax levy accounts:

1. 7901 W. Burleigh Street, Milwaukee, WI 53222
2. 9921 W. Capitol Drive, Milwaukee, WI 53222
3. 777 E. Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53202
4. 2303 N. Farwell Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53211
5. 7500 W. Good Hope Road, Milwaukee, WI 53223
6. 4015 S. Howell Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53207
7. 5526 W. Capitol Drive, Milwaukee, WI 53216
8. 939 W. Historic Mitchell Street, Milwaukee, WI 53204
9. 5220 W. North Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53208
10. 7325 W. Oklahoma Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53219
11. 650 N. Plankinton Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53259
12. 3720 W. Villard Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53209
13. 2537 W. Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53233

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