

Taylor County property tax, if it goes unpaid

The Texas rules, in order, with the numbers from Taylor County's courts.

Penalty and interest

Delinquent on February 1. Penalty starts at 6% and adds 1% a month until it hits 12% on July 1. Interest runs separately at 1% a month (Tax Code § 33.01). A further collection penalty may be added when the account goes to an attorney (§ 33.07).

Ways to slow it down

- Ask the Taylor County tax office about an installment agreement, especially on a homestead.
- Aged 65+, disabled, or a disabled veteran: file a deferral with Taylor Central Appraisal District (§ 33.06).
- Make sure your homestead and over-65 exemptions are on the account.

Court and sale

A taxing unit may sue. In FY2025, 281 new tax suits were filed in Taylor County district courts, and 444 tax cases were pending on August 31, 2025 (Texas Office of Court Administration). After judgment, the sheriff or a constable sells the property (§ 34.01).

Getting it back

Homestead, agricultural land and mineral interests: two years from the buyer's deed recording to redeem. Other property: 180 days (§ 34.21). You pay the bid, a premium and costs.

IRS debt as well?

The county's lien on the home usually comes before a federal tax lien. Keep the house tax current and explain it to the IRS; its local housing allowance includes property tax.