COVID-19 Operational Response

The COVID-19 emergency has required us to incorporate our vision statement, innovating better ways to serve into a crisis operational plan. Per the CDC’s recommendations to assist with coronavirus mitigation by social distancing, these precautions are necessary. Our top priority is the safety of our customers and our staff.

The following information will guide you on how you can complete various transactions while our office is closed to the walk-up public.

General
- All offices are closed to the walk-up public until further notice.
- Transactions may be completed by:
  - Mail – PO Box 25300, Bradenton, FL 34206
  - Internet at taxcollector.com
  - Drop box at 819 301 Blvd W. Bradenton, FL 34205
- The Manatee County Tax Collector’s Office serves Manatee County residents and businesses only. If your transaction does not show a connection to a Manatee County address – it will not be processed and it will be returned to you.
- Our Customer Contact Center is available from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday – Friday: 941.741.4800.

Property Taxes
- No walk-up services are provided; visit taxcollector.com for payment amounts, make payments, duplicate bills and print receipts.
- Payments may also be made by US mail or at the drop box at 819 301 Blvd. W., Bradenton, FL 34205.
  - Real Estate Property Taxes – The State has issued Emergency Order 20-52-DOR-001 to extend payment of property taxes to April 15. Online payments must be made by 11:59 p.m.; mailed in payments must be post-marked April 15.
  - Tangible Personal Property Taxes – The State has issued Emergency Order 20-52-DOR-001 to extend payment of property taxes to April 15. Online payments must be made by 11:59 p.m.; mailed in payments must be post-marked April 15. Businesses and others with unique issues are urged to contact our Field Services and Collections Department at 941.741.4809.
  - Installment Plan – The State has not issued any emergency orders related to the Installment Plan application process or deadlines.
  - Tax Certificates – The State has not issued any emergency orders related to tax certificates.
  - Tax Deeds – The State has not issued any emergency orders related to tax deeds. If your property is currently in tax deed status and you have questions, please contact the Manatee County Tax Collector’s Field Services & Collections Department at 941.741.4809.

Driver Licenses and ID Cards
- No walk-up services are being provided; visit taxcollector.com to renew, replace, or change the address on your Florida driver license or ID card.
Expiration Dates/Late Fees for otherwise valid Florida licenses – The State has issued Emergency Order 041320, pursuant to Governor's Executive Order 20-52:
- Driver licenses and ID cards that expire between March 16, 2020, and April 15, 2020, are extended for 60 days.
- Driver licenses and ID cards that expire between April 16, 2020, and April 30, 2020, are extended for 30 days.
- The order also waives the delinquent renewal fees during the extension period for these driver licenses and ID cards.

***NEW*** – Complimentary 180 Day Temporary Driver License – For Florida license holders who need a replacement or have been expired before March 16, 2020, we may be able to assist you in obtaining a Temporary Driver License. This paper credential is for driving purposes only; it does not have a photo, so it cannot be used for identification purposes or to board airplanes. Refer to this document for instructions and an application.

***NEW*** Federal REAL ID Law Deadline Extension (Gold Star on license) – Because of the COVID-19 emergency, the October 1, 2020 deadline has been changed to October 1, 2021. Source: https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHS/bulletins/28351c3

CDL License Holders – The State has issued Emergency Order 041320. Refer to the Emergency Order for full details. The State has created a CDL frequently asked questions document for additional information. If you have any additional questions, or need to obtain a license, call the DHSMV in Tallahassee at 850.617.2000.

Out of state license holders needing a Florida license or ID card – Contact your home state to obtain an extension of your out of state license or ID card. We are unable to assist at this time.

First time license/ID holders – Not being issued at this time.

Driving Tests – Not being conducted at this time.

Suspensions/Reinstatements – Visit https://services.flhsmv.gov/DLCheck/ to learn the status of your license and what needs to be done to reinstate your license. Then call the DHSMV in Tallahassee at 850.617.2000 to pay to reinstate. Note: Expect delays in getting through to this number.
- If you have a D6, FR7, FR8 suspension – Call the DHSMV’s automated suspension clearing system at 850.617.3000:
  - FR7 suspension with insurance prior to suspension date
  - FR8 suspension with insurance prior to suspension date
  - D6 suspension with court requirements met. It will allow drivers to make $60 fee payment. There cannot be any other sanctions on the record, including a cancellation.

Sexual Offender/Career Offender Registration Program – The Manatee County Tax Collector has notified the Manatee Sheriff’s Office of the change in our policies. Participants in these two programs should contact the Manatee Sheriff’s Office directly.

Motor Vehicle/Boat Registrations
- No walk-up services are being provided; visit taxcollector.com to learn how much your renewal will cost, to renew, replace or change the address on your vehicle registration. We are also continuing to mail monthly renewal notices, which can be returned to our office via the US Mail.
- The State has not issued any emergency orders related to motor vehicle/boat registrations – the expiration date for registrations have not changed.

Titling a Car in Florida – NEW TEMPORARY PROCESS
- No walk-up services are being provided.
- The State has not issued any emergency orders related to motor vehicle title requirements.
- Please complete this application, provide us with the required documents and we may be able to provide you with a complimentary temporary paper license plate that will be valid for 90 days – after which you would come in to complete the paperwork.
Toll Booth Violations, Parking Tickets, and Red Light Camera Citations

- No walk-up services are being provided; please refer to our Toll Booth, Parking Ticket, and Red Light Camera Citation publication for contact information.
- The State has not issued any emergency orders related to toll booth violations, parking tickets, or red light camera citations.

Surrender/Cancel Your License Plate

- If you need to surrender/cancel your license plate, you must:
  - Complete our Miscellaneous Affidavit – checkmark the box at the top of the affidavit that indicates, ‘I would like to surrender/cancel plate #”, enter your license plate number in the box provided, sign & print your name, and enter the date on the affidavit.
  - Mail your license plate and completed affidavit to PO Box 25300, Bradenton, FL 34206.
- The State has not issued any emergency orders related to surrendering/cancelling license plates.

Print Electronic Title

- No walk-up services are being provided for printing electronic titles; visit taxcollector.com to print your electronic title.
- The State has not issued any emergency orders related to printing electronic titles.

Concealed Weapons Licenses

- No walk-up services are being provided for original applications or renewals; visit taxcollector.com to renew your CWL.
- Expiration Dates/Late Fees – Extended by Commissioner of Agriculture Emergency Order 2020-009.

Parking Permits

- No walk-up services being provided; visit taxcollector.com to renew or replace and to obtain copies of the application form to provide to your doctor.
- For completed applications, mail to our office.
- The State has not issued any emergency orders related to Disabled Parking Permits.

Mobile Homes/Manufactured Homes

- No walk-up services are being provided; visit taxcollector.com to renew or replace your Mobile Home Decal or Title.
- If buying a mobile home, please complete the Title by Mail application process.
- The State has not issued any emergency orders related to Mobile Homes Titles/Registrations requirements. The expiration date for mobile home registrations has not changed.

Utility Trailers/Boat Trailers

- No walk-up services are being provided; visit taxcollector.com to renew or replace your Trailer registration.
- If buying a trailer, please complete this application, provide us with the documents and we may provide you with a temporary paper license plate that will be valid for 90 days – at which time you would come in to complete the paperwork.
- The State has not issued any emergency orders related to Utility Trailers/Boat Trailer Title/Registration requirements.

Licensed Florida Auto Dealers

- No walk-up services are being provided.
- Submitting dealer work:
Smaller work packets may be dropped in the drop box at our DeSoto Office, 819 301 Blvd. W. in Bradenton. Please note that the drop box will not accommodate large packets of work or folders.

Work that is not submitted via the drop box or larger work packets should be mailed to:

Manatee County Tax Collector  
Attn: Dealer Work  
PO Box 25300  
Bradenton FL 34206-5300

Completed paperwork must be accompanied by a completed Drop Off Form, along with a check made payable to Ken Burton, Jr., Tax Collector with the amount blank for processing payment (if you do not have a trust account with our office).

- Licensed Dealers are also urged to consult with First Manatee South County Tag Agency, which may have different operating procedures – call 941.782.6050 or visit autotagagency.net.
- The State has issued an Information Notice related to Dealers: INFO20-010 – Use of Electronic Signature in Connection with Odometer Disclosure or Declaration.

Hunting & Fishing Licenses

- No walk-up services are being provided; visit taxcollector.com to purchase, renew or replace a license or obtain information on rules and regulations.
- Charter Captain and Charter Boat licenses – Extended by Executive Order 20-08.

Assistance Programs for Businesses, Homeowners, Renters, and Nonprofits

- Disaster Loan Assistance – Federal Disaster Loans for Businesses, Homeowners, Renters, and Private Nonprofits  
  https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/disaster-assistance

- Disaster and Emergency Loan Information and COVID-19 Resources for Manatee County Businesses  
  https://www.manateechamber.com/business-resources/